



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2022

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Díaz, Town Manager

REF: Introductions and Presentations

**1. Resolution in Support of a Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory
(Attached IP-1)**

Representatives from the Town of Kitty Hawk plan to present an overview of a proposed Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory to be located 5230 North Croatan Highway, Kitty Hawk, which is currently home to the Aycock Brown Visitors Center and Monument to a Century of Flight. The Town of Kitty Hawk has requested that all local governments consider a resolution in support of this project.



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Resolution in Support of a Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory

WHEREAS, Orville and Wilbur Wright launched the aerial age on December 17, 1903, by successfully achieving the world's first manned, powered, controlled flight from Kill Devil Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills agrees with establishing a tribute museum and observatory to the Wright Brothers to help educate the world about aviation and the 12 seconds that changed the world; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that a proposed 30,000+ square foot museum and observatory will house the world's largest display, housing 12 historically accurate Wright Brothers aircraft, STEM training classrooms, a multi-purpose theater, an aircraft building workshop, an outdoor performance area, and an extensive library and archive; and

WHEREAS, this museum will be fully funded through private investors, to be completed and operated at no additional cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for this museum, observatory, and new welcome center is on state-owned land where the Aycock Brown Welcome Center and the Monument to a Century of Flight are located in Kitty Hawk; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills requests that the State of North Carolina consider the gift of this facility to establish the Wright Brothers Tribute Museum and Observatory on state-owned land at 5230 North Croatan Highway, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

This 27th day of April, 2022.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk