TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM September 12, 2022

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ben Sproul, Mayor

REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. Proclamations and Resolutions (Attached MA-1A, MA-1B, MA-1C, and MA-1D)

- **A. Proclamation Declaring September 17–23, 2022, as Constitution Week**
- **B. Proclamation Declaring October 9–15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week**
- **C. Resolution in Continued Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River**
- **D. Resolution in Support of Legislation Concerning Dangerous Holes on the Beach**

These proclamations and resolutions highlight areas of importance for our citizens, including our constitutional form of government and the importance of fire safety. Fire Chief Tilley's attached memorandum announces the annual theme for Fire Prevention Week: "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," as well as this year's Open House, which is Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is applying for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Bridge Grant to replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge over the Alligator River. As a part of the process, NCDOT has requested the Town provide a letter of support to U.S. Department Secretary Pete Buttigeig. The resolution will accompany the Town's letter to Sec. Buttigeig for this critically vital transportation infrastructure.

In 2022, the Town launched a concerted effort to inform the public about the serious dangers of deep holes dug on the beach, with a multi-faceted outreach approach, including video, electronic distribution, and social media posts. Staff coordinated a press conference, which was attended by multiple outlets, resulting in statewide and national awareness. The Town joins other localities in requesting statewide legislation to help towns address this issue.

I recommend approval of these items and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.

2. Ice Cream Social (Attached MA-2)

The KDH Ice Cream Social will be held Tuesday, September 27, 2022, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. (rain date: Wednesday, September 28th) at Aviation Park. The Fire and Police Department grill masters will be cooking up hot dogs and hamburgers, and don't forget the ice cream! The First Flight High School Fine Arts groups will be performing at the pavilion. Additionally, the Outer Banks Shag Club will be leading shag dancing lessons and line dancing at the hockey rink. Please mark your calendars and join us for this annual event!

TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

A Proclamation Declaring September 17 – 23, 2022 as Constitution Week

WHEREAS, September 17, 2022, marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America, designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina ratified the Constitution of the United States of America on November 21, 1789, becoming the twelfth state to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23, 2022, as

Constitution Week

and we ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

This 12th day of September 2022.

SEAL

_____

Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk

ATTACHMENT MA-1A

THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
NORTH CAROLINA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: August 30, 2022

To: Debbie Diaz
Town Manager

From: Troy N. Tilley TNT
Fire Chief

Re: Fire Prevention Week – October 9 – 15, 2022

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has proclaimed October 9 – 15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week. The attached proclamation recognizes Kill Devil Hills' participation in spreading the NFPA's important message: ***"Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™"***, which effectively serves to remind everyone how important it is to plan and practice a home fire escape plan. We respectfully request the Board of Commissioners adopt this proclamation.

We have scheduled our annual Open House, for Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 4:00pm – 7:00 pm and invite all to join us. We have a very proactive social media campaign lined up to ensure our fire prevention and educational programs will reach as many people as possible.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

A Proclamation Declaring October 9 – 15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,580 people in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protections Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke long before people can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which there may be as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' residents need to make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical challenges; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively serves to remind everyone it is to have a home fire escape plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 9 – 15, 2022, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges its citizens to remember that "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," and to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Kill Devil Hills' fire and emergency services.

This 12th day of September 2022.

SEAL

_____
Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk

TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

Resolution in Continued Support of a New Bridge to Replace the Lindsey C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is a swing-span style of drawbridge that crosses the Alligator River in eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The bridge was constructed in 1960, and serves as the main transportation link along North Carolina Highway 64 from areas west of Dare County; and

WHEREAS, The Alligator River is part of the Intercoastal Waterway and is used by numerous commercial shipping and recreational vessels, with delays and back-ups caused by the bridge's operations; and

WHEREAS, The Lindsey C. Warren Bridge is an essential hurricane evacuation route for the residents of Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties, and the millions of seasonal Outer Banks visitors, and the continuous functionality of the bridge is imperative to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The draw-bridge infrastructure of the bridge is obsolete and was closed for repairs in 2017 and 2019, resulting in lengthy delays and detours for residents, visitors, and commerce to and from Dare, Currituck, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Lindsay C. Warren Bridge has been rated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as "structurally deficient," which indicates that the span is reaching the end of its useful life, and must be regularly monitored, inspected, and maintained.

WHEREAS, An estimated 200 – 400 local residents regularly traverse the bridge to report to their employment, demonstrating the continued necessity for a safe and dependable transportation infrastructure for the local economy, including its workers; and

WHEREAS, The bridge is being utilized by an ever-increasing level of commercial and visitor traffic, it is a critically vital economic link for eastern North Carolina and its citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners urgently requests a new bridge to replace the existing span for the Alligator River in recognition of the essential role this span plays in the transportation and commerce needs of Kill Devil Hills, Dare County, and Eastern North Carolina;

This the 12th day of September, 2022.

SEAL

_____
Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk

TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

Resolution in Support of Legislation Concerning Dangerous Holes on the Beach

WHEREAS, in recent years coastal communities along North Carolina's coast, as well as the nation's coasts, have witnessed an alarming trend in recreational beachgoers digging sizeable holes in the sand, and leaving them unattended and unfilled; and

WHEREAS, these large beach holes can collapse, trapping beachgoers of all ages, resulting in serious injury or in some cases, death; and

WHEREAS, large holes on the beach can cause physical injury to unwitting beachgoers such as walking and running enthusiasts or children, who may be injured from falling into a deep hole in periods of low visibility; and

WHEREAS, essential staff and equipment, including vehicles, may accidentally enter these beach holes, resulting in injury / damage, and disruption of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 letter to the *New England Journal of Medicine* (Maron, Maron, and Haas) documented 52 cases in which U.S. beachgoers were buried by collapsing beach sand, resulting in 31 deaths (1997 to 2007); and

WHEREAS; the Town of Kill Devil Hills has strived to disseminate information and educate the public directly on the danger of large holes on the beach, which culminated the Town's coordination of a May 20, 2022, press conference in which ocean rescue representatives from the various local governments in Dare County participated, and multiple members of the print, online, and television media attended, resulting in statewide and national coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills understands that comprehensive and uniform statewide legislation promoting a local government's ability to address holes on the beach and protecting public safety and welfare is warranted; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, requests the General Assembly consider legislation that would increase a local government's ability to address the incredibly dangerous issue of holes on the beach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Kill Devil Hills encourages other coastal communities to educate the public about this serious ongoing issue and promote safety for all beachgoers.

This 12th day of September, 2022.

SEAL

_____
Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk

The Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners & the Town of KDH proudly present the

Ice Cream Social

Aviation Park, 103 Veterans Drive

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, treats for dogs and ice cream, of course!

The event will start off with live music provided by the FFHS Fine Arts groups!

Do you know how to shag?

Come show us your dance moves! If you don't know how, we will have line dancing and the OBX Shag Club will be teaching lessons.

Outer Banks Shag Club

Rain Date:
September 28, 2022

See you there!