



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

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ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk