



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

April 5, 2023

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ben Sproul

REF: Mayor's Agenda

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

- A. Proclamation Declaring April 2023, as Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- B. Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in Kill Devil Hills**

The above proclamations honor the children and issues important to our community and vital to society. Upon the Board of Commissioners' adoption, they will be shared with our citizens, employees, and posted on our website and social media.

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



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A Proclamation Declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizen, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Fire Station #14 annually hosts an installation of figures and pinwheels to commemorate this month; the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve and the belief that getting it right early is less costly than trying to "fix" it later;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2023, as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and hereby call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

This the 5th day of April, 2023.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk



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Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2023 as Earth Day

WHEREAS, human kind is currently facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and to build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the April 22, 2023, as

Earth Day

throughout Kill Devil Hills and encourage all of its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.

This the 5th day of April, 2023.

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