



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

April 26, 2023

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ben Sproul
REF: Mayor's Agenda

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

A. Proclamation Declaring April 30 – May 6, 2023, as Hurricane Preparedness Week

Preparation plays a critical role in our coastal environment. With the upcoming storm season, Emergency Management Director Fire Chief Troy Tilley and Public Information Officer Rachel Tackett remind us all that preparation for storm events, or even for a visit to our beaches, is the key to weathering the storms that all too often affect our communities or threaten our families.

I recommend approval of this proclamation and a motion would be in order for its adoption.



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WHEREAS, according to the National Hurricane Center, the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season experienced 17 tropical storms or hurricanes, with more than 300 people killed and damage of over \$121 billion; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes and tropical storms can be large, catastrophic events with high winds and tornadoes, as well as flooding from heavy rain and storm surge; and

WHEREAS, these storm events can devastate our families, properties, businesses, economy, and our community for days, months, weeks, and sometimes years; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has highlighted the following hurricane preparedness themes:

- Know Your Risk: Water & Wind
- Prepare Before Hurricane Season
- Understand Forecast Information
- Get Moving When a Storm Threatens
- Stay Protected During Storms
- Use Caution After Storms
- Take Action Today

WHEREAS, being prepared could mean the difference between being a storm victim or storm survivor, with officials urging citizens to follow official news and alerts, and to develop emergency plans and supply kits, which can provide the vital bridge until additional assistance arrives; and

WHEREAS, supply kit preparation should include a collection of non-perishable food and water to last each person one week, first-aid supplies, weather radio and batteries, prescription medicines, sleeping bag or blankets, changes of clothes, hygiene items, at least \$200 in cash, and any needed pet supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the week of April 30 – May 6, 2023, as.

Hurricane Preparedness Week

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and urges our citizens to educate themselves and become even better prepared for storm events by using resources like www.readync.gov and www.NOAA.gov to protect against storm events and help make KDH a weather-resilient community.

This the 26th day of April 2023.

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Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk