



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2023

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Mayor Ben Sproul

REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. **Resolutions and Proclamations (Attached MA-1A, MA-1B, MA-1C, and MA-1D)**
  - A. **National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2023 Resolution**
  - B. **Constitution Week Proclamation**
  - C. **Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**
  - D. **Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

These resolutions and proclamations highlight the various issues that affect our community. The resolution supports current national legislation which would provide for a 5-year reauthorization cycle for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and place caps on flood insurance premium increases, and develop more accurate mapping of flood hazards.

The three proclamations honor the foundation of our system of government, heighten awareness of an illness diagnosed in over 295,000 Americans annually, and remind us of the importance of fire safety in our homes, especially the heart of our homes: our kitchens.

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



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## **Resolution in Support of the National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2023**

**WHEREAS**, flooding is the most frequently occurring natural disaster, and affects all areas of the United States, therefore flood insurance is an essential tool for property owners to protect their homes and businesses from potential flood damages; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has been the subject of twenty-five short-term reauthorizations since 2017, with the latest short-term reauthorization set to expire on September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2023 legislation has been introduced, and proposes to reauthorize the NFIP for five years through September 30, 2028, and significantly reform the NFIP to provide better consumer protection and address the NFIP's long-term solvency; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reforms include an annual 9% cap on flood insurance premium increases, continued funding of grant programs for flood risk mitigation, more accurate flood hazard mapping, updated claims appeal processes, and suspension of interest payment of the NFIP debt to the US Treasury for five years; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation has received bipartisan co-sponsorship from officials from the coastal states of Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, and New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills recognizes the importance of the NFIP for its citizens and businesses, and the program's sustainability through long-term reauthorization and effective reforms to address the affordability of flood insurance for our community and the nation; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina expresses its support for the National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act and encourages its enactment by the US Senate and US House of Representative before September 30, 2023.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk



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## **Proclamation Declaring September 17 – 23, 2023 as Constitution Week**

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth 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 hereby proclaims the week of September 17 through September 23, 2023, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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## **Proclamation Declaring October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background in every community, despite considerable progress being made in the fight against breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 295,000 cases of breast cancer in men and women will be diagnosed in the United States in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness about the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, Kill Devil Hills, as a community, supports breast cancer research and education of all citizens about early detection, risk factors, and treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, Kill Devil Hills supports those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, this October, Kill Devil Hills recognizes breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement, those devoted caregivers making a difference every day, and express our appreciation for the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers striving to find better treatments and ultimately, a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby proclaims October 2023, as

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

and we encourage our citizens to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting this disease.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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## A Proclamation Designating October 8 – 14, 2023 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 people are at greatest risk from fire in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires caused the deaths of 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protections Association (NFPA), and fire departments across the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 home fires annually between 2016 and 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen, with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, children under five years old face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Kill Devil Hills residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other implements that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires almost in half; 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 are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention,” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 8 – 14, 2023 as

**Fire Prevention Week**

and urges all the people of Kill Devil Hills to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Kill Devil Hills Fire Department.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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