



## TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

### **Resolution in Support of Honoring North Carolina Veterans and Active Service Members in Operation Green Light**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Kill Devil Hills have the utmost respect, appreciation, and gratitude for all of the men and women who have served our community and our country in the Armed Forces; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices made by those who have served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and the Town of Kill Devil Hills seeks to honor these individuals and their families who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

**WHEREAS**, veterans continue to serve and lead our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and community organizations and events; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase will transition to civilian life in the near future; and,

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life and are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 40 percent of transitioning service members stationed in bases throughout North Carolina decided to stay in our state upon their transition to civilian life, and 55 percent of retiring service members with 20 or more years of service also made the decision to stay in North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Kill Devil Hills has supported the nationwide tour of The Wall That Heals, a traveling, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to the Outer Banks, where it will be on display at the Tourism Bureau's Soundside Event Site from November 16, 2023, through November 19, 2023; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby designates our community a "Green Light for Veterans Community," declaring now through November 19, 2023, a time to salute and honor all active and veteran service members and their families; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light 2023, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens, property owners, and businesses to recognize the importance of honoring all those who have made sacrifices to preserve our freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their residence or place of business from November 6, 2023, through November 19, 2023.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

SEAL



Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin A. Sproul", written over a horizontal line.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Michael O'Dell", written over a horizontal line.

James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk