



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2024

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: John Windley
REF: Mayor's Agenda

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

A. Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Kill Devil Hills annually partners with the Children and Youth Partnership to highlight Child Abuse Prevention Month every April. As part of that partnership, the Fire Department hosts the "Because Someone Cared" display of multi-colored cut outs of children. Each cut out represents one or more real children who received protective services in Dare County. Interspersed with the cut outs are pinwheels, which represent an effort to focus on community activities that support families and public policies that prioritize prevention to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur, giving all of our children a bright future.

North Carolina's N.C.G.S. 7B-301 is a mandatory reporting law that requires any person who suspects that a child has been abused or neglected report to the Division of Social Services where that juvenile is located. Reports can be made by contacting the Dare County Department of Health & Human Services - Social Services Division at (252) 475-5500, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling 911 if it is an emergency.

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



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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 citizens, 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 2024 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 27th day of March, 2024.

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John Windley
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk