



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

October 14, 2024

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

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

- A. Resolution in Support of Reinstating an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park
- B. Proclamation Honoring North Carolina Veterans and Active Service Members in Operation Green Light
- C. Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month Proclamation

The three items share our support for a vital designation and protections for our coastal state park, demonstrate our continued support for our veterans and active service members, and heighten awareness of a disease affecting 6.9 million Americans.

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



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A Resolution in Support of Reinstating an Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park

WHEREAS, Jockey's Ridge State Park (JRSP) is the most visited State Park in North Carolina and is pristine natural monument to the rugged landscape that attracted people to the area and also a tribute to Outer Banks local Carolista Baum, a role model who proved that one person can make a difference and protect our community's threatened natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) protects its beautiful and fragile coastal resources thanks in part to the Coastal Area Management Act and the rules and policies of the CRC; and

WHEREAS, JRSP is an existing state park, a nature preserve, and contains unique geological formations as identified by the N.C. State Geologist, and therefore meets the criteria of AEC designation as established in N.C.G.S. 113A-113; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 113A-115 states that AEC designations should not be removed unless it is found that the conditions upon which the original designation was based have been substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, at an August 6, 2024, special meeting, the CRC voted unanimously to begin the process of reinstating AEC protections for Jockey's Ridge to include a prohibition on removing sand from the park and restrictions on development immediately adjacent to the park; and

WHEREAS, JRSP is an important educational, scientific, and scenic resource that would be jeopardized by uncontrolled or incompatible development; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this invaluable resource of regional and statewide significance is the objective of this designation; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding the AEC for JRSP is scheduled to be held at the Jockey's Ridge Visitor's Center, 300 West Carolista Drive, Nags Head, North Carolina 27959, on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby formally submit this resolution in support of the re-establishment an Area of Environmental Concern Designation for Jockey's Ridge State Park, and allow it the special protections granted by the designation.

This the 14th day of October, 2024.

SEAL

John Windley
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk



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Proclamation 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim our community a "Green Light for Veterans Community," declaring now through November 2024, a time to salute and honor all active and veteran service members and their families; and, that in observance of Operation Green Light 2024, 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 4, 2024, through November 11, 2024.

This 14th day of October, 2024.

SEAL

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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A Proclamation Declaring November 2024 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is a devastating disease that affects over 6.9 million people in the United States (210,000 North Carolinians) and their families; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disease and is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease causes deterioration of memory and thought, and erodes judgment and reasoning abilities; it also affects behavior, emotions and the ability to care for oneself; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no cure for Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer's disease is the 7th leading cause of death for American adults, and the 6th leading cause of death in adults age 65 and older, with over 134,000 Americans losing their lives annually (over 4,500 North Carolinian deaths in 2019); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills joins individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease in promoting research to find a cause, develop treatments and a cure, and in supporting educational programs and support services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills supports the Alzheimer's Foundation of America commemoration to honor those whose lives have been affected by Alzheimer's disease, or similar related illnesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2024, as

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and commends its observance to all citizens.

This the 14th day of October, 2024.

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Mayor

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