



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

March 10, 2025

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 Opposition to the Proposed Automobile Insurance Rate Increase from North Carolina Rate Bureau**
 - B. **Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**
 - C. **Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Autism Awareness Month**

The above resolution and proclamations express our opposition to the proposed 22.6% automobile insurance rate increase, and our designation of Child Abuse Prevention and Autism Awareness Months.

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



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Resolution Opposing Automobile Insurance Rate Increase Requested by the North Carolina Rate Bureau

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rate Bureau (Bureau), a non-governmental entity created by the General Assembly, has filed for a 22.6% insurance rate increase for automobiles with the N.C. Department of Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the requested insurance rate increase in the state would become effective October 1, 2025, unless denied by N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has 60 days to review the rate increase request, after which Commissioner Causey and the Department of Insurance can negotiate a settlement or call for a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, In the past, there have been settlements on automobile insurance rate filings. If the case were to go to a public hearing, a hearing officer would decide on the request; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau requested a 28.4% rate increase in February 2023, with the filing resulting in a settlement average of 4.5% increase per year for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau appears to have adopted a strategy of regularly submitting astronomical rates (such as 22.6%), with the intent of negotiating still sizeable increases which are economically harmful to families in Kill Devil Hills and across the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has consistently supported KDH families, and understands that during these difficult economic times when all costs are rising, families will have to make painful cuts or even worse, forgo required insurance coverage; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills opposes the N.C. Rate Bureau's excessive insurance rate request, and urges N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey to deny or greatly limit any automobile insurance rate increase for 2025.

This 10th day of March, 2025.

SEAL

John Windley
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk



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A Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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; each figure represents a case of child abuse in Dare County. 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 2025 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 their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

This 10th day of March, 2025.

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A Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

WHEREAS, autism awareness efforts are increasing in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as

Autism Awareness Month

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and hereby and urges our citizens to become better educated about autism and to help create a better community for individuals with autism.

This 10th day of March, 2025.

SEAL

John Windley
Mayor

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