



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

## Resolution Supporting HB 551/SB 595 (MARSY'S LAW)

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law For North Carolina and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights and providing a voice; and

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law For North Carolina supporters agree victims should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; and

WHEREAS, per the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) most recent "Crime in the United States" report, in 2013 a total of 33,700 North Carolinians were the victims of Violent "Index Crimes" including: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson; and

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law For North Carolina will ensure that victims receive the same rights that are afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, hearings, appropriate restitution, and the right to speak at criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Victims' Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy's Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims' Rights.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims its support for HB 551/SB 595 (Marsy's Law) and encourages all of our citizens to join in the commitment to protect the rights of North Carolina crime victims.

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2018.

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Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.  
Mayor

Attest:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Deputy Town Clerk