



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ben Sproul

REF: Mayor's Agenda

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

- A. Police Week & Peace Officers Day Proclamation
- B. Beach Safety Week / Rip Current Awareness Proclamation
- C. A Resolution in Support of *The Lost Colony*

This first proclamation highlights the importance of our first responders and the critical role that our law enforcement plays in maintaining our communities while also protecting the rights and interests of all of our citizens and visitors, keeping the Town of Kill Devil Hills a safe place to work, visit, and live.

The second proclamation recognizes that knowledge and planning are the keys to making a beach outing successful and uneventful. Safety on our coast is also essential for beachgoers of all ages and backgrounds. Whether a home-grown, seasoned surfer or a first-time visitor to our shore, everyone is encouraged to prepare for their beach time by knowing the latest beach conditions.

The Lost Colony outdoor symphonic drama has been a fixture of the Outer Banks, revealing the past to new audiences for over the last 85 years. This resolution expresses our Town's support for this ongoing community production.

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



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**A Proclamation Declaring
May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day
and May 14 – 20, 2023 as Police Week**

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day*, and the week in which it falls as *Police Week*; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Kill Devil Hills play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Kill Devil Hills; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the challenges, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of Kill Devil Hills has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2023, as

Police Week

and May 15, 2023, as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

and calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe *Police Week* with appropriate ceremonies in which everyone may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

The Board of Commissioners further calls upon all citizens of Kill Devil Hills to observe Monday, May 15, 2023 as *Peace Officers Memorial Day* in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

This the 8th day of May, 2023.

SEAL

Benjamin A. Sproul
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk



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A Proclamation Designating

May 22 – 29, 2023

as Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the beautiful coastline of Kill Devil Hills represents a world-renowned recreational resource; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike are drawn to these beaches by the millions each year for water and beach activities; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic environment has dangers, particularly rip currents, that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of public safety, an annual reminder of the joys and hazards associated with the aquatic environment are appropriate at the commencement of the busy summer season; and

WHEREAS, to heighten awareness, residents and visitors are encouraged to “Know Before You Go” by visiting www.lovethebeachrespecttheocean.com for daily beach conditions and critical safety information, along with texting OBXBEACHCONDITIONS to 77295 to receive beach-related weather and ocean condition alerts;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim May 22 – 29, 2023, as

Beach Safety / Rip Current Awareness Week

in the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges all patrons using our beaches to enjoy themselves at the beach this year, while taking appropriate measures to protect themselves and their families.

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A Resolution in Support of *The Lost Colony, America's Longest-Running Outdoor Symphonic Drama*

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* has been an integral part of the fabric of the Outer Banks for over 85 years; and

WHEREAS, the mission to celebrate and depict America's first English settlement in North America, founded on Roanoke Island in 1587, resulting the birth of the first English child on these shores, culminated in the development of *The Lost Colony* outdoor symphonic drama; and

WHEREAS, Outer Banks residents initially developed historic readings, presentations, and pageants to acknowledge the historical importance of this integral time in American history; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina playwright Paul Green was approached to develop a screenplay to further expound upon the story of the Roanoke Island colonists; and

WHEREAS, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) assisted with funding, along with N.C. Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, who secured the production and sale of 25,000 memorial half dollars for the drama's support; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* at Roanoke Island's Waterside Theater began performances in 1937, with U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt among those who viewed the production that summer; and

WHEREAS, annual summer productions of *The Lost Colony*, America's longest-running outdoor symphonic drama, have entertained over four million visitors to the Outer Banks, with continuous performances over 85 years, interrupted only by World War II and the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* has been a community-supported event, with innumerable volunteers serving as actors, chorus members, stage technicians, carpenters, choreographers, seamstresses, fitters, and ushers over the decades; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* has served as a window into the historical wealth of the Outer Banks, with multiple generations of school children and young people watching with eagerness; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* remains a vital and valuable part of the life and history of the entire Outer Banks;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners expresses its continued community support for *The Lost Colony* outdoor symphonic drama, its dedicated volunteers, and members of the Roanoke Island Historical Association Board of Directors for all of the diligence and commitment that allows *The Lost Colony* to reach out from history and share the story of colonists to a new land in this 21st Century.

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