



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

September 8, 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. **Constitution Week Proclamation**
 - B. **Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**
 - C. **Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

The three proclamations honor the foundation of our system of government, heighten awareness of an illness diagnosed in over 8,000 North Carolinians annually, and remind us of the importance of fire safety in our homes, especially with the ever-growing presence of lithium-ion batteries in our everyday lives.

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



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Proclamation Declaring September 17 – 23, 2025 as Constitution Week

"A constitution is in fact, and must be regarded by the judges as, a fundamental law. It therefore belongs to them to ascertain its meaning as well as the meaning of any particular act proceeding from the legislative body. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, that which has the superior obligation and validity ought, of course; to be preferred; or, in other words, the Constitution ought to be preferred to the statute, the intention of the people to the intention of their agents." –

Alexander Hamilton, From Federalist 78, May 28, 1788

WHEREAS, as the United States of America is preparing to celebrate its semiquincentennial on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2025, marks the two hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this cornerstone document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America, designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina ratified the Constitution of the United States of America on November 21, 1789, becoming the twelfth state to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby proclaims the week of September 17 through September 23, 2025, as

Constitution Week

and we ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

This 8th day of September 2025.

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John Windley
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Town Clerk



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Proclamation Declaring October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, breast cancer touches the lives of Americans from every background in every community, despite considerable progress being made in the fight against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 350,000 cases of breast cancer in men and women will be diagnosed in the United States in 2025, with one in eight women developing breast cancer her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness about the disease; and

WHEREAS, during this month, Kill Devil Hills, as a community, supports breast cancer research and education of all citizens about early detection, risk factors, and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills supports those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, this October, Kill Devil Hills recognizes breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families who are a source of love and encouragement, those devoted caregivers making a difference every day, and express our appreciation for the efforts of our medical professionals and researchers striving to find better treatments and ultimately, a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby proclaims October 2025, as

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

and we encourage our citizens to participate in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer, and to wear pink ribbons in honor of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer and those who are now bravely fighting this disease.

This 8th day of September 2025.

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Proclamation Declaring October 5 – 11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily – including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys – are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, an increase in battery-related fires underscores the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' citizens are encouraged to follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires: and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risk in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Kill Devil Hills' first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind everyone of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 5 – 11, 2025, as

Fire Prevention Week

throughout the Town of Kill Devil Hills, and urges its citizens and visitors to properly use and dispose of lithium-ion batteries and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Kill Devil Hills' fire and emergency services.

This the 8th day of September, 2025.

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