



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

## Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

October 13, 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 Proposed Limits on the Landing of Blue Crabs by the Division of Marine Fisheries**
  - B. **Proclamation Honoring North Carolina Veterans, Active Service Members, and their Families in Operation Green Light**
  - C. **Proclamation Declaring November 2025 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**

This resolution demonstrates the Board's opposition to proposed changes to Blue Crab landings which could decimate our working watermen and seafood industry. The two proclamations honor our veterans, service members, and their families with Operation Greenlight, and highlight the importance of education and awareness of a disease that robs so many of our citizens of a happy, productive life.

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



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### **Resolution in Opposition to Proposed Limits on the Landing of Blue Crabs by the Division of Marine Fisheries**

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries website notes that *“Seafood harvesters are stewards of our ocean. Their livelihoods depend on healthy, thriving marine ecosystems. They have a unique knowledge of the ocean, which they pass on to their communities and down through generations. These harvesters are at the forefront of ensuring food security, providing jobs, and supporting the well-being of both the ocean they work in and the communities they feed.”* (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/faces-sustainable-seafood>); and

**WHEREAS**, Kill Devil Hills prides itself on the rich heritage of life and community upon the waters and their bounty, with our community boasting of its historic fishing legacy over hundreds of years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Outer Banks and the coastal communities of North Carolina make a significant contribution to the state’s commercial fishing industry, with blue crab landings playing an essential role in the coastal economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Marine Fisheries has recommended proposed Blue Crab landing regulations that include a 10-bushel trip limit for mature female crabs (June to December) and a prohibition on the harvest of mature female crabs (January to May), with all other blue crab management measures remaining in place; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the 2019-2023 average landings of Blue Crabs, the proposed regulations are anticipated to result in a 21.7% decrease, negatively impacting the seafood industry, including watermen and their families, seafood processors and their employees, and the overall economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Sea Grant found that North Carolina’s wild and farmed shellfish industry contributed \$31.7 million to the state’s economy in 2022 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed regulations would irreparably harm the state’s seafood industry and ultimately, the Northeastern North Carolina’s overall economy; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills opposes the proposed regulations by the Division of Marine Fisheries which will economically hurt working watermen and the seafood industry in Northeastern North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners encourages the public to stand with the working watermen of North Carolina and contact the Division of Marine Fisheries to share its opposition to these proposed changes.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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John Windley  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk



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### **Proclamation Honoring North Carolina Veterans, Active Service Members, and their Families 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,

**WHEREAS**, many service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life and may be 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 2025, a time to salute and honor all active and veteran service members and their families; and, that in observance of Operation Green Light 2025, 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 business from November 4, 2025, through November 11, 2025.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk



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### **A Proclamation Declaring November 2025 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**, signs of Alzheimer's dementia can include withdrawal from work or social activities; changes in personality or behavior; difficulty in completing familiar tasks; memory loss that disrupts daily life; and decreased or poor judgment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer's disease is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for American adults, and the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in adults age 65 and older, with over 134,000 Americans losing their lives annually (over 4,200 North Carolinian deaths in 2022); 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 2025, as

### **Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**

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

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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John Windley  
Mayor

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James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk