



# Town of Kitty Hawk

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## Resolution in Support of Designating a Portion of US 158 in Kill Devil Hills and Kitty Hawk in Honor of Darrell McNary Collins

**Mayor**  
Charlotte Walker

**Mayor Pro Tem**  
Jeff Pruitt

**Councilman**  
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**Councilman**  
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**Town Clerk**  
Lauren Garrett

**Town Attorney**  
Casey C. Varnell

**WHEREAS**, Darrell McNary Collins was a park ranger, educator, civil rights activist, public servant, and storyteller; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Mr. Collins' career as a park ranger at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, he shared the amazing story of two pioneering brothers and their work to create powered flight on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, culminating in the world's first flight on December 17, 1903; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Collins was widely considered among the top three historians in the world regarding the Wright Brothers and their legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright sought accommodations and community in the Village of Kitty Hawk, and would regularly travel to an expanse in what is now the Town of Kill Devil Hills to test their experimental gliders, ultimately integrating engines to the wings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills consider Dare County Native Darrell Collins and his decades of storytelling to be an invaluable treasure to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the timeless footprint of the Wright Brothers on the Outer Banks over a century ago extends from West Kitty Hawk Road in Kitty Hawk, south to Colington Road in Kill Devil Hills, at the southern border of the Wright Brothers National Memorial; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Council for the Town of Kitty Hawk joins the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills in its support to designate the portion of US 158 from its intersection with West Kitty Hawk Road south to the US 158 intersection with Colington Road in honor and remembrance of Darrell McNary Collins and his achievements in keeping charge of and assuring that the Wright Brothers' story is a part of America's story; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Council and the Board of Commissioners request that the NCDOT Transportation Board grant this request, with the understanding that these two communities will fund the signage to acknowledge this son of Dare County who brought history alive to millions.

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

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*Charlotte D DeLoatch Walker*  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Lauren Fox Garrett*  
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Town Clerk