



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### Hispanic Heritage Month 2023

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the abundant cultural traditions and the remarkable accomplishments of our Hispanic and Latino communities here in Apex; and,

WHEREAS, Originally celebrated as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, it was later expanded to a month in 1988, inspired by the legislative efforts of Esteban Torres of California; and,

WHEREAS, The significance of beginning Hispanic Heritage Month on September 15 lies in its associations with independence anniversaries of several countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile all celebrate their independence days on or near this date; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing and understanding the lived experiences of the Hispanic and Latino communities within Apex holds paramount importance in shaping and providing effective town services, and creating a sense of belonging in the community for all; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is proud to maintain ongoing partnerships with Fiesta Cristiana and El Centro to expand and enrich equity and quality of life for Hispanic and Latino individuals and families in Apex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, the month of September 15-October 15, "Hispanic Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and ask all residents to join me in celebrating our Hispanic and Latino friends and neighbors who are such integral parts of our community.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex,  
North Carolina, to be affixed this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor