



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

# TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA *Proclamation*

## Standing Together in Pride - LGBTQIA+ Month 2026

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual community, while recognizing the importance of dignity, equality, and opportunity for all people to live openly and authentically; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride organizations across North Carolina and the United States have embraced 2026 themes such as "Rallying Together," highlighting joy, visibility, resilience, and voice, and underscoring that communities thrive when strengthened through love, understanding, and unity; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex proudly values the diversity of its residents and remains committed to fostering a welcoming community where every person is respected, supported, and encouraged to be their authentic self regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and,

WHEREAS, love and compassion are the foundation of a thriving and connected community, and through empathy, kindness, and mutual respect, we create spaces where individuals and families from all walks of life feel a true sense of belonging and acceptance; and,

WHEREAS, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate the resilience, contributions, and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals, while continuing to encourage meaningful conversations that strengthen understanding, visibility, and human connection throughout our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex invites residents and visitors to gather for Pride Stories on Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hunter Street Park, an evening of contemplation, exploration, storytelling, and celebration that honors the LGBTQ+ community and their loved ones while bringing people together through shared experiences, joy, and fellowship; and,

WHEREAS, Pride Month serves as an opportunity to celebrate the contributions, resilience, and spirit of the LGBTQIA+ community while encouraging continued dialogue, understanding, and connection among all people.

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex encourages residents to come together in a spirit of unity and community pride, recognizing that our differences strengthen us and our shared humanity connects us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of June, 2026, as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to celebrate with love, respect, unity, and appreciation for every member of our community - because we are stronger together!

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex,  
North Carolina, to be affixed this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor