

Town of Apex, North Carolina  
**Proclamation**  
from the Office of the Mayor

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH 2021

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most common cancer affecting women; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer over the course of their lifetime, and 281,550 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States in 2021; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program which provides free screenings to low-income and underinsured women and also to Tribal organizations and Territories; and

WHEREAS, even though advocates and the medical community have helped our Nation to make great progress in the fight against cancer, there is still a long way to go before this disease no longer threatens American lives; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has expanded coverage to millions of women who were previously uninsured and has given millions of women access to preventive services; and

WHEREAS, insurance companies can no longer discriminate against women with pre-existing conditions such as breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand in solidarity with breast cancer survivors across the country and reaffirm our commitment to advancing research efforts that deliver hope to patients everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby encourage our residents to join in activities that will increase awareness of what we can do to prevent and control breast cancer, and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina to be affixed this the 12th day of October 2021



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacques K. Gilbert", is written over a horizontal line.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor