

Town of Apex, North Carolina

Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, after decades of effort, in 1992, Congress designated the month of May as national "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, the month of May was chosen to mark the arrival of the first known Japanese Immigrants to the United States and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad which was accomplished by the work of Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent vastly diverse ethnic groups, including all those who have immigrated to the United States themselves or whose ancestors originated from the continent of Asia and the numerous Pacific Islands known as Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and

WHEREAS, today we stand in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and assert that anti-Asian racism, intimidation, xenophobia, and hate crimes will not be tolerated and have no place in our society; and

WHEREAS, the triumphs, perseverance, and achievements of all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders continue to inspire us with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multicultural customs and experiences of their diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played a significant role in our history with enormous contributions to science, medicine, education, agriculture, government, commerce, the arts, and many other fields of endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim May as "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month"; and I encourage our residents to learn about and celebrate the generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who continue to enrich our nation, state, and local community.

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 25th day of May 2021.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor