

## TOWN OF APEXH CAROLINA

## Proclamation

## Apex Pollinator Week 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Pollinators serve a vital purpose in the environment by helping 90% of the world's flowering species reproduce, and include species such as bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, moths, beetles, and some birds, bats, and small mammals; and,

WHEREAS, The presence of pollinator species is indicative of thriving communities with healthy air, water, soils, food supply, and ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, National Pollinator Week has been recognized since 2007 in an effort to recognize the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and to increase awareness about pollinators and the need to protect and sustain them; and,

WHEREAS, Many pollinator species are at risk of extinction due to loss of habitat, improper use of pesticides and herbicides, predation, and diseases, and the Town has committed to doing its part to prevent this through the signing of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and the continued certification of the town as a Bee City USA Town since 2020; and,

WHEREAS, The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is proud to present their inaugural Pollinator Week event on June 20, 2024 at the Apex Nature Park with a goal of educating the public on the importance of pollination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, "Apex Pollinator Week" in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to do their part in taking care of our environment and protecting these species we rely upon for much of our green space.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 11th day of June 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor