



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month 2023

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month acknowledges and celebrates the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual community, as well as their numerous achievements and contributions to society; and,

WHEREAS, After police raided the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969, a series of protests broke out in New York City against the unjust criminalization and policing of homosexuality. On June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the first Pride marches were held in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. Thousands of LGBTQIA+ people gathered to commemorate Stonewall and demonstrate for equal rights; and,

WHEREAS, The Pride Flag was designed using the colors of the rainbow as a symbol of hope, and the rainbow colors show how together, the diversity among people in our community can create something truly beautiful and awe-inspiring; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to over 400,000 members of the LGBTQIA+ community; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex stands with the LGBTQIA+ community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment of all, and to defend and advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights as human rights; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex celebrates LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in recognition of the progress made in the fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Additionally, the Town of Apex is commitment to being a place where all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, are treated with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, the Month of June 2023, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents to join in the celebration of the progress that has been made, and in the fight for the progress that still remains, towards creating a more just society for all people in the LGBTQIA+ community.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex,
North Carolina, to be affixed this the 23rd day of May 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor