
PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor



Indigenous Peoples' Day in Apex 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, North Carolina recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since long before European settlers; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the fact that Apex is built upon the land where Indigenous Peoples hunted and lived; and

WHEREAS, the Town values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the community southwest of Apex, known as Friendship, brought together Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, and European Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex seeks to combat cultural prejudice, eliminate racial discrimination, and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town promotes equality of opportunity, consistent with the US Declaration of Independence, for all people, including those who descend from Indigenous Peoples, and desire to uphold policies and practices that ensure equal access to opportunity, and their rights to pursue life, liberty and happiness in America; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Peoples in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") on December 16, 2010 and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LANCE OLIVE, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF APEX, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Town of Apex shall recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Apex shall continue its efforts to promote the recognition and awareness of the Indigenous community; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People in the Americas, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our town; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Apex encourages businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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 1st day of October 2019

Lance Olive, Mayor