



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Black History Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, During the observance of Black History Month, the Town of Apex intentionally highlights the substantial contributions made by Black Americans and those of African descent to our town, community, and country; and,

WHEREAS, The origin of Black History Month traces back to Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926, who wanted to bring national attention to the contributions African Americans have made to the history of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, We affirm that Black history is American history, with the essence of Black culture, narratives, and achievements serving as the cornerstone of our national identity; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex acknowledges the historical stains of slavery, Jim Crow, and redlining, as well as the ongoing repercussions these systems have created within the Black Community; and,

WHEREAS, In honor of Black History Month, The Town of Apex is proud to present A Hip-Hop Dance Class on February 10th at the Senior Center, and the Counter History Ice Cream Social and panel discussion on February 15th at the Halle Cultural Arts Center, which will explore two programs documenting Black History in the south: The Counter History Royal Ice Cream Sit-In and the Virtual MLK Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of February, 2024, Black History Month in the Town of Apex, and invite residents to join us in enriching our knowledge of the contributions of Black Americans, and in celebrating their lives and culture throughout the year.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 13th day of February 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor