

Town of Apex, North Carolina

Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - JOHN M. BROWN

Whereas, John M. Brown began working for the Town of Apex on January 15, 1986, as the first fulltime Parks and Recreation Director; and

Whereas, under Brown's guidance and leadership, the department has grown from 2 town-owned parks and 1.5 staff members in 1986, to 12 town-owned parks, 16.6 miles of greenway, 617.5 acres of parkland, and 76,000 square feet of recreational building space as of today; and

Whereas, Brown has been instrumental in helping the Town Council achieve goals for the community to improve the quality of life for Apex residents; and

Whereas, during Brown's tenure, the lives of Apex residents were enriched through the construction of the Apex Community Center, the Halle Cultural Arts Center, Rodgers Family Skate Park, and their respective programs, and the spearheading of a massive community effort to create KidsTown Park; and

Whereas, residents and visitors regularly voice their appreciation and adoration of our parks, recreation, and cultural offerings, and see them as unique to Apex and some of the most-loved amenities offered; and

Whereas, Brown has served faithfully in both professional and community organizations as a member and leader, including, but not limited to, the Apex Rotary Club (President 2005-2006), the Apex Festival Commission, AAU Basketball (Coach), and the YMCA "We Build People Program"; and

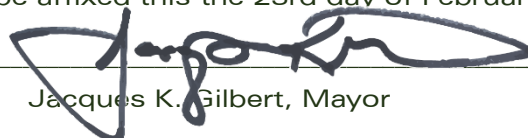
Whereas, Brown has been recognized by community organizations for his contributions by being named a Paul Harris Fellow and Rotarian of the Year (2006) by the Apex Rotary Club, Citizen of the Year (2003) and "Louis C. Smith" Hall of Fame Inductee (2015) by the Apex Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, the Town of Apex wishes to recognize Brown for his service to the Town of Apex and its community and the impact his leadership has had in enhancing the quality of life in both;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, that John M. Brown be commended for his outstanding efforts to serve our community and be a trailblazer, literally, for the Town of Apex; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Apex Town Council hereby honors John M. Brown for his long and distinguished career in local government in North Carolina, and for his commitment, dedication, and leadership to Apex. The Town of Apex hereby expresses its deepest appreciation for his service to our community and wishes him a healthy and fulfilling retirement.

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 23rd day of February 2021



Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor