



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

American Indian Heritage Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, American Indian Heritage Month is a time to honor the significant contributions of American Indian nations to our history, arts, sciences, economy, and culture, as well as to reflect on the struggles Indigenous peoples have faced and continue to face in their pursuit of sovereignty, justice, and equity; and,

WHEREAS, For thousands of years, American Indian nations and communities have stewarded the land now known as the United States, developing vibrant cultures, spiritual traditions, and governing systems that have deeply influenced the values and systems of modern society; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes, including the Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and the Waccamaw Siouan; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is also home to four Urban Indian organizations that hold memberships with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, including the Cumberland County Association for Indian Peoples, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association and the Triangle Native American Society; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex acknowledges its existence on the land of the Native Peoples here long before us, and express our appreciation for the American Indian community in Apex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of November, 2024, "American Indian Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and urge all residents to observe this month with reverence for the history of our land, and participate in appropriate ceremonies, activities, and educational opportunities.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 22nd day of October 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor