



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Italian American Heritage Month 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Italian American Heritage Month has been celebrated each October since 1989, when it was federally recognized by the United States Congress and then-President George H.W. Bush; and,

WHEREAS, The United States has a strong connection with Italian Americans throughout its history, with over 16 million current US residents being from Italian descent, including several thousand here in Apex; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is stronger, healthier, and more culturally diverse because of its Italian American residents and their contributions, and we are proud to celebrate their Heritage alongside them; and,

WHEREAS, The 7th Annual Festa Italiana will be held on September 20th from 11 AM - 7 PM along Hunter Street and on Town Hall Campus, which seeks to evoke the feelings of an Italian Street Festival through a celebration of Italian culture, music, food, wine, and more; and,

WHEREAS, We acknowledge that this year's Festa Italiana is celebrated in special honor and recognition of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Koytek, a resident of Apex who served on the Board of Directors for Festa Italiana, and passed away far too soon earlier this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of October, 2025, "Italian American Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents to join us in celebrating the rich Italian Culture in our town and in honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Toni Koytek.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2025

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor