

## N OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA Proclamation

## Hispanic Heritage Month 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15th to October 15th to recognize the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans with ancestors from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and,

WHEREAS, The date of September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Apex is proud to be home to a vibrant Hispanic community consisting of nearly 5,000 residents, who contribute greatly to the economy, culture, and well-being of the town; and,

WHEREAS, Drawing from their rich histories, Hispanic cultures are extremely diverse and lively, with focuses centered on family, faith, cuisine, music, dance, and much more; and,

WHEREAS, The Town is excited to host a "Learning Lunch" for Hispanic Heritage Month on September 18th at 12 PM in the Senior Center, as well as the Latino Arts Festival on September 27th from 3 PM - 9 PM in Downtown Apex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of September 15th, 2025 through October 15th, 2025, "Hispanic Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and urge all residents to participate in the upcoming events to learn more about Hispanic history and culture and experience the joy these celebrations bring.

> 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