

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-0614-xx**

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME  
SQUAW WALDEN LANE**

**WHEREAS**, Squaw Walden Lane is a public right-of-way maintained by the Town of Apex and is located entirely within Town of Apex corporate limits; and

**WHEREAS**, Squaw Walden Lane consists of two cul-de-sacs extending north and south of Walden Creek Drive approximately 860 total feet within the Walden Creek neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Squaw Walden Lane, as well as other streets within the Walden Creek neighborhood, was evidently named after elements of Henry David Thoreau's book *Walden*; and

**WHEREAS**, the name was chosen by the developer of Walden Creek and approved by both the Town of Apex and Wake County as a permissible name in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the word "Squaw" is now considered a derogatory and offensive term referring to a Native American woman or wife; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Town of Apex Address Policy* states, "The Town shall have the authority to rename streets within its corporate limits as needed for reasons related to public safety or inappropriateness"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Apex notified Squaw Walden Lane property owners and residents of the intent to change the street name, requested feedback and suggested names from aforesaid property owners and residents, and posted public notice of a public hearing before the Town Council to discuss the matter; and

**WHEREAS**, input from the public was reviewed by Town Council and matters regarding the street renaming were discussed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Apex does hereby declare the full extent of Squaw Walden Lane to be renamed \_\_\_\_\_ effective the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and that all administrative processes, including mailing notifications to affected property owners and residents as well as ordering street sign replacements, commence immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Adopted and effective the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF APEX, NORTH CAROLINA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacques K. Gilbert  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Allen Coleman, CMC, NCCCC  
Town Clerk