## Town of Apex, North Carolina Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY

- WHEREAS, on January 15, 1929, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., -- one of the most influential orators for peace, equality, and human rights in world history -- was born in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, throughout his life Dr. King's words and actions inspired a vision where people "transformed the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful sympathy of brotherhood"; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King sacrificed his life to spread a message of universal equality and justice that touched the soul of our nation. He created efforts to end racial segregation and discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King's message continues to resonate with the world today by reminding us of the imperative to continue the fight for justice and equality no matter the opposition; and
- WHEREAS, people throughout the world continue to be inspired by Dr. King's vision, his strength, character, compassion, and his model for peaceful demonstration and dialogue; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King's goal of a just and united society have continued since his tragic assassination in 1968, and will go on until his dream of freedom, equality, and justice for all is fully realized;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of The Town of Apex, proclaim Monday, January 18, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and call upon the citizens of Apex to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 12th day of January 2021.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor