

## TOWN OF APEX CAROLINA

## Proclamation

## Celebrate Diversity Month 2023

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Celebrate Diversity Month was first recognized in 2004 to call attention to the diversity that surrounds us, and organizers encourage everyone to celebrate both differences and similarities to create meaningful interaction, opportunity, and inclusion for all people; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing diversity in this manner enhances understanding, and celebration of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and contributions makes The Town of Apex a more thoughtful and welcoming place; and,

WHEREAS, By celebrating and sharing our authentic selves, we gain a greater appreciation of each other and our diversity, but most importantly, it creates spaces of inclusion and fosters belonging where people feel valued; and,

WHEREAS, Ensuring true diversity compels us to develop a safe, positive world where we find value in each other's experiences, differences, and unique characteristics as it enables us to respond with relevance, empathy, and compassion; and,

WHEREAS, The residents, businesses, and government institutions of the Town of Apex, North Carolina are firmly committed to celebrating and promoting diversity, inclusion, and cultural traditions of our town's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, the Month of April 2023, Celebrate Diversity Month in the Town of Apex, and urge all residents to join in celebrating the ways that recognizing our differences and diverse contributions make us a stronger and more compassionate community.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 11th day of April 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor