

Town of Apex, North Carolina

PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor

AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is guided by the principles of inclusivity in its commitment to help improve the lives of all individuals in the diverse community we serve; and

WHEREAS, Autism impacts people regardless of race, ethnicity, and social-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, while conditions characterized with Autism may cause differences in communication, social skills, and behavior; and individuals within the Autistic community present, strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, in the month of April, we strive to promote Autism awareness, inclusion, and acceptance, and the Town is committed to providing equitable access to services, events and activities that support self-determination for all Autistic individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex recognizes the importance of creating spaces that, beyond acceptance, provide opportunities for representation and celebration of all autistic people; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex seeks to create a socially conscience community that values and celebrates the unique individuals within the autistic community which celebrates all kinds of minds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, declare the month of April 2022 **Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month** and encourages the community to join advocacy efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Apex, this 12th day of April, 2022.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor