



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

National Autism Acceptance Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave; and,

WHEREAS, In the United States, it is estimated that 2.7% of children have autism, along with 2.2% of adults, and experiences with the disorder vary widely from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, Individuals with autism can face very difficult barriers to employment opportunities, and often have their intelligence and abilities misunderstood or overlooked; and,

WHEREAS, It is crucial to champion awareness of the impacts of autism and the acceptance of individuals with autism as they navigate life with increased challenges in many aspects of development and socialization; and,

WHEREAS, The town is committed to fostering an environment where individuals with autism can live, learn, play, and work in Apex while also being fully understood and accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2024, as "National Autism Acceptance Month" in the Town of Apex, and invite all residents to join me in celebrating the individuals with autism in our town who are so full of joy, love, and hope.

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 April 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor