



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Child abuse is a despicable crime that impacts millions of children annually, with 9,349 reports of child abuse or neglect occurring in Wake County in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Child abuse can exist in many different forms, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, and the harm from these abuses permeate throughout all aspects of a child's life; and,

WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse can linger for the rest of a child's life, even into adulthood, through the immense weight of the psychological and emotional trauma that often occurs; and,

WHEREAS, It is vital that our town and community create a nurturing and loving environment for all children, and that residents report any suspected child abuse or neglect to authorities in order to keep children safe; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is appreciative of the efforts of Wake County Health and Human Services and Child Protective Services, and we acknowledge the need for additional resources and outreach to stop the horrors of child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2024, as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the Town of Apex, and call upon all members of the Apex community to do their part in helping to identify, report, and prevent child abuse in our town.

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