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TOWN OF APEX DRAFT
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Wake County Public School System

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Public education serves as a cornerstone of strong and thriving communities, providing students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities necessary to achieve their potential and contribute meaningfully to society; and,

WHEREAS, On July 1, 1976, Raleigh City Schools and Wake County Schools merged to establish the Wake County Public School System, bringing together approximately 53,000 students under a unified school district committed to expanding educational opportunities throughout Wake County; and,

WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, the Wake County Public School System has grown to serve approximately 160,000 students across 204 schools, reflecting the tremendous growth of Wake County and the continued importance of investing in quality public education; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its 50-year history, the Wake County Public School System has helped shape generations of students, fostered educational opportunities, and contributed to the economic vitality, diversity, and overall quality of life of the communities it serves; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex proudly recognizes its local Wake County public schools for their vital role in educating and inspiring students, strengthening neighborhoods, supporting families, and contributing to the continued growth and vitality of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council stand in appreciation and support of the dedicated teachers, administrators, support staff, and educational professionals whose commitment to student success, academic excellence, and lifelong learning continues to shape future generations and strengthen the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby recognize and commemorate the "The 50th Anniversary of the Wake County Public School System", in the Town of Apex and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this historic milestone, honoring five decades of educational achievement, and recognizing the enduring contributions of public education to the success and prosperity of our community.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 10th day of November, 2026

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor