



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

# TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2024**

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a horrific and widespread issue faced by millions of individuals nationwide, including 35.2% of women and 30.3% of men in North Carolina at some point during their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence affects individuals and families in our community, and disproportionately impacts underserved and marginalized populations who often face barriers to accessing essential services; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex Police Department works with Shining Light in Darkness, a Non-Profit Organization, to connect survivors with support and programming intended to guide them on the path to healing; and,

WHEREAS, Shining Light in Darkness plays a vital role in crisis response, direct services, resources, and referrals by offering a 24-hour crisis line, emergency housing coordination, legal assistance, and case management to ensure that survivors receive immediate and sustained support; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex recognizes the critical role that nonprofit organizations like Shining Light in Darkness play in safeguarding the well-being of survivors, and survivors are encouraged to contact Shining Light in Darkness at (919) 791-5578 to support their healing journey.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim The Month of October, 2024, as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the Town of Apex, and urge residents to check in on their loved one and offer support and understanding to survivors; and,

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Hunter Street Water Tower will be illuminated Purple on Friday, October 4, 2024, following the Glow of Grace Event, in honor of all victims and survivors of Domestic Violence.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 24th day of September 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor