



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Hindu Heritage Month 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Hinduism is one of the world's oldest living traditions and its third largest religion, which has had widespread positive impacts on individuals and communities through its positive messages and practices; and,

WHEREAS, The timeless teachings of Hinduism, rooted in the principles of *dharma*, *ahimsa*, and *seva* - meaning, righteousness, non-violence, and selfless service - have inspired generations and continue to provide guidance for individuals seeking peace, harmony, and purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Hindu philosophy was introduced to the world at the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893, highlighting Hinduism's universal vision of unity and diversity; and,

WHEREAS, Diwali – the festival of lights observed this year in October by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and Buddhists worldwide – symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil, while also serving as a time of reflection, thanksgiving, and renewal; and,

WHEREAS, During the month of October, Hindu communities across the Country and in Apex celebrate their culture, faith, and diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India's civilizational history, and the Town is proud to join in this observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of October, 2025, "Hindu Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and further proclaim Monday, October 20th, 2025, "Diwali", and encourage residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the rich cultural heritage, values, and contributions of Hindu Americans here in Apex.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 23rd day of September 2025

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor