

N OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA Proclamation

Indigenous People's Day 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex acknowledges that it sits on lands originally occupied by Native communities and Tribal Nations, and we seek to honor those groups by acknowledging their deep heritage, traditions, and invaluable contributions to our community; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples are known for their strength, resilience, and fortitude, even through the immense cruelty and injustice towards their communities that has plagued our nation's and world's history; and,

WHEREAS, In 1977, at a United Nations Conference, Indigenous People's Day was first proposed as an International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of America; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the history of mistreatment of Indigenous communities, and reminds us of the need for efforts to seek reconciliation and healing; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is grateful for our indigenous communities, and encourage efforts that seek to quell discrimination and unify people to make a more diverse and stronger community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 13th, 2025, "Indigenous People's Day" in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents to immerse themselves in celebrations of Indigenous culture and history, and remember who called Apex home first.

> 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