Town of Apex, North Carolina Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY 2020

- WHEREAS, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and
- WHEREAS, energy efficiency can also make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and
- WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity we need to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and
- WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. consumers billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to five hundred dollars per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and
- WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move toward a sustainable future; and
- WHEREAS, more than 2.4 million Americans were working in the energy efficiency sector prior to the pandemic in local, good-paying, clean energy jobs that couldn't be outsourced, and increasing America's recovery efforts by ramping up our efficiency efforts will sustain and create more of them; and
- WHEREAS, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings can also significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs; and
- WHEREAS, for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get them about halfway toward their climate goals; and
- WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Apex can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our Sustainability Program; and
- WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners have designated the first Wednesday in October as the fifth national annual Energy Efficiency Day; and
- WHEREAS, together the residents of the Town of Apex can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives; and
- WHEREAS, we, the Town of Apex, urge citizens to join us in supporting our clean energy goals, and moving toward more energy efficiency in the future;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2020 as Energy Efficiency Day.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina to be affixed this the 6th day of October 2020

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor