

Town of Apex, North Carolina

Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, North Carolina recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since long before European settlers; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that Apex is built upon the land where Indigenous Peoples hunted and lived; and

WHEREAS, the Town values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the community southwest of Apex, known as Friendship, brought together Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, and European Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex seeks to combat cultural prejudice, eliminate racial discrimination, and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex promotes equality of opportunity consistent with the U.S. Declaration of Independence for all people including those who descend from Indigenous Peoples, and desire to uphold policies and practices that ensure equal access to opportunity and their rights to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in America; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Peoples in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("the Declaration") on December 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories, and resources.";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 12, 2020 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Apex.

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