



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

National Autism Acceptance Month 2026

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, National Autism Acceptance Month, observed each April, is dedicated to moving beyond awareness toward fostering acceptance, inclusion, and meaningful participation for individuals with autism in all areas of community life; and,

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong neurological and developmental condition that influences how individuals communicate, interact socially, process sensory information, and experience the world, with each person's strengths, needs, and abilities being unique; and,

WHEREAS, Autism affects people of all ages and backgrounds, with current estimates indicating that approximately 1 in 31 children and millions of adults in the United States are on the autism spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex recognizes the importance of providing inclusive and accessible programs and services, including Specialized Recreation offerings such as adaptive fitness classes, social programs, field trips, life skills opportunities, inclusive sports opportunities, and community events designed to support individuals with autism and other disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex remains committed to cultivating a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals with autism are respected, supported, and empowered to live, learn, work, and play as valued members of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2026, "National Autism Acceptance Month", in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to recognize, celebrate, and support the contributions, abilities, and voices of individuals with autism

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 March, 2026

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor