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TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

American Indian Heritage Month 2026

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Town acknowledges that the home we now know as Apex was originally home to Tribes of American Indians, who were forcibly removed hundreds of years ago through horrible acts of oppression; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is tremendously fortunate to be home to a vibrant community of American Indians who have contributed to the Town in so many ways, and are incredibly gracious in sharing their culture with us; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes, including the Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and the Waccamaw Siouan; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is also home to four Urban Indian organizations that hold memberships with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, including the Cumberland County Association for Indian Peoples, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association and the Triangle Native American Society; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is committed to celebrating and honoring American Indian Heritage, and is excited to host a "Native American Tasting Experience" on Thursday, November 19th, to enjoy and learn more about indigenous food.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of November 2026, "American Indian Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents to learn more about the history and traditions of the land we reside on and the people who first called it home.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 27th day of October, 2026

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor