



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

# TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### Child Abuse Prevention Month 2025

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Child abuse is a horrific, cowardly crime that impacts millions of children annually, with instances of it occurring all over the country, including here in Wake County; and,

WHEREAS, Child abuse exists in many different forms, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, and the harm from these atrocities permeate throughout all aspects of a child's life; and,

WHEREAS, The effects of child abuse can linger for the rest of a child's life, even into adulthood, through the immense weight of the psychological and emotional trauma that often occurs; and,

WHEREAS, The children of our town are our most precious gem, and it is vital that we do everything in our power to enable residents and law enforcement to help put an end to child abuse; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex reminds residents that it is the law to report any instance of child abuse they see or suspect to local authorities, and we thank the dedicated staff with Wake County Health and Human Services and Child Protective Services for all the important work they do.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2025, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage the community to learn more about the potential signs of child abuse and do their part in protecting the children of Apex.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex,  
North Carolina, to be affixed this the 8th day of April 2025

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor