

Town of Apex, North Carolina

# Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

## ARBOR DAY IN THE TOWN OF APEX

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the Apex Town Council and the Tree Citizen Advisory Panel (Tree CAP) will commemorate Arbor Day by planting six trees, one for each year designated as a Tree City USA, at Clairmont Park on April 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Town of Apex, and urge all citizens to celebrate our Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor