



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Rooted in Care for our Community: Earth Day and Festival 2026

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Earth Day, observed annually on April 22, is a global call to action that unites communities worldwide in recognizing the importance of environmental stewardship, conservation, and collective responsibility to protect natural resources for present and future generation; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex is committed to advancing sustainability, environmental awareness, and resilient community practices through education, partnerships, and local initiatives that promote responsible stewardship of land, water, and air resources; and,

WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is strengthened through community engagement that encourages waste reduction, recycling, composting, pollinator protection, tree planting, and other practices that support ecological health and biodiversity within the local ecosystem; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026 Apex EarthFest, held on Saturday, April 24, centers on the theme of sustainable fashion, highlighting the environmental impacts of textile production while promoting reuse, recycling, clothing swaps, upcycling, and responsible consumer choices through activities such as fashion shows, workshops, demonstrations, and documentary screening; and,

WHEREAS, Apex EarthFest further advances environmental education and action through initiatives such as Arbor Day and pollinator garden plantings, low-waste food offerings, composting and recycling demonstrations, and a community marketplace showcasing local resources and sustainability-focused organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 22, 2026 as Earth Day and Saturday, April 24, 2026, as Apex Earth Festival Day in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to participate in activities that promote environmental awareness, sustainability, and community connection.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Town of Apex calls upon all residents to remain "rooted in care" for our community and environment by embracing sustainable practices that protect and preserve natural resources for future generations.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 14th day of April 2026.

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor