



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Indigenous Peoples Day

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, North Carolina recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since long before European settlers; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that Apex is built upon the land where Indigenous Peoples hunted and lived; and

WHEREAS, the Town values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the community southwest of Apex, known as Friendship, brought together Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, and European Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex seeks to combat cultural prejudice, eliminate racial discrimination, and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex promotes equality of opportunity consistent with the U.S. Declaration of Independence for all people including those who descend from Indigenous Peoples, and desires to uphold policies and practices that ensure equal access to opportunity and their rights to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in America; and

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("the Declaration") on December 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "Indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories, and resources."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim the 10th day of October 2022 as Indigenous Peoples Day in Apex and call upon all residents to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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 September 2022.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor