



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

# *Proclamation*

## Hindu Heritage Month

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex and the nation have been influenced by the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, There is an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and approximately 3.4 million Hindu Americans that live across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans in Apex represent diverse ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans throughout Apex celebrate numerous holidays and festivals, such as Diwali, which celebrates the victory of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance; and

WHEREAS, The year 2022 marks the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when Hinduism was officially introduced to the United States by Swami Vivekananda at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago, Illinois, and the 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of when he founded the Vedanta Society in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Hindi Americans now serve in various levels of government across the state and nation, including three members in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the residents, businesses, and government institutions of the Town of Apex, North Carolina are firmly committed to celebrating and promoting diversity, inclusion, and cultural traditions of our Town's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Hindu Heritage Month in Apex and call upon all residents to reflect on the significant contributions Hindu communities have made to shape our national life.

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