



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

National Foster Care Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The children in our community are vital to our future, and all children deserve to grow up in a loving, nurturing, and safe place to call home; and,

WHEREAS, There are currently 10,848 youth in the North Carolina Foster Care System, including 404 that are within Wake County; and,

WHEREAS, The primary goal of Foster Care is to provide safe and stable homes through the compassion and support of a foster family or kinship family; and,

WHEREAS, Foster families and kinship families play a vital role in helping children who have experienced a crisis in their home lives heal and reunify with their families, and in helping them launch into a successful adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month is a time to recognize the foster parents, child welfare professionals, and advocates working tirelessly to ensure our children's safety, well-being, and permanence, and to spread awareness on behalf of the hundreds of youth in foster care in Wake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2024 as National Foster Care Month in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to volunteer their time and effort to raising awareness of the need for a robust foster care system, and to recognize the families, individuals, and organizations that provide this important resource to our children.

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 May 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor