



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month 2024**

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, In May, we honor Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month (AANHPI), acknowledging the vibrant histories of people from the expansive Asian continent and the diverse regions of the Pacific Islands, including Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia; and,

WHEREAS, The efforts of the Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Communities can be seen in every aspect of society including education, history, politics, health care, business, and science, playing a pivotal role in America's history; and,

WHEREAS, In 1979, President Carter issued the first proclamation for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, and in 1990, President Bush signed a bill passed by congress which extended the observation to a month; and,

WHEREAS, The Month of May was chosen in part because of the significance of May 7, 1843, when the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the US, and of May 10, 1869, when the first US transcontinental railroad was completed with significant efforts from Chinese pioneers; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is proud to be home to many individuals Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander origin, whose roots and culture have contributed to the success and character of our town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2024 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month in the Town of Apex, and acknowledge the contributions of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community to our great town.

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