



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2023

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we acknowledge AAPI individuals and communities who have lived and worked in the United States for more than 200 years, and have made an indelible impact on our nation and town; and,

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the significant contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific descent to the history and culture of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The month of May was selected as a way to honor the immigration of the first Japanese residents to the United States in 1843 and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869, which was constructed by predominately Chinese immigrants; and,

WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter issued Presidential Proclamation 4650 in 1979, which designated the week of May 4, 1979 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Week, and President Barack Obama issued Presidential Proclamation 8369 in 2009, proclaiming May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and,

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are some of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the nation, comprising 6.2% of the United States, and 9.9% of the Town of Apex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, the Month of May 2023, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the Town of Apex, and call upon all residents to reflect on the contributions and achievements of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and to show appreciation for their continued strengthening of our town.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex,
North Carolina, to be affixed this the 9th day of May 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor