

TOWN OF APEXH CAROLINA

Proclamation

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is celebrated each June to acknowledge the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual community, and celebrate their lives, achievements, and contributions to society; and,

WHEREAS, 2024 represents the 55th Pride Month celebration, which originated in 1970 as a commemoration of the protests held in New York City against the unjust criminalization and policing of homosexuality, known as the Stonewall Uprising; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals in Apex are beloved members of our community, and are parents, teachers, public servants, doctors, lawyers, business owners, artists, and so much more; and,

WHEREAS, We affirm that LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights, and acknowledge that much more progress remains before our country is truly an equal and equitable society; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex stands resolute in our commitment to ensuring our community is a welcoming and loving place to all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of June, 2024 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month", and encourage residents to celebrate the progress that has been made and recognize the continuing efforts toward creating a more just society for all people in the LGBTQIA+ community.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 28th day of May 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor