



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month 2023

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Bleeding disorders are a group of conditions in which the body is unable to form a proper blood clot, resulting in extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma, or menstruation, and can be significantly debilitating and even fatal if not treated properly; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1980's, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV or hepatitis C due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and,

WHEREAS, Originally designated as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in March 1986, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month was redesignated in 2016 in order to reflect the wide range of bleeding and blood disorders, such as hemophilia, HIV, anemia, and von Willebrand Disease, which is an inheritable disease that reduces the body's ability to form blood clots and affects 3.2 million people in the United States, nearly 1% of the whole population; and,

WHEREAS, Since 2016, multiple state and local governments have passed proclamations or resolutions declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, It is imperative to foster greater awareness of these conditions within the general public, and to facilitate a heightened sense of purpose and community among all individuals who live with bleeding and blood disorders; and,

WHEREAS, While the Town of Apex celebrates the advances made in treating these disorders, it also acknowledges the necessity for more engagement from researchers and policymakers to develop better treatments for these disorders, and ultimately, a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of March 2023, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents join me in becoming further educated about bleeding and blood disorders, and in calling for more significant actions in the fight to eradicate these diseases.

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 March 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor