



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### **Adoption Awareness Month 2023**

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for adoption in Wake County, with statistics showing that as of October 2023, there are 404 children in the foster care system, 98 of whom are intended to be adopted by a foster parent or relative, and 32 of whom are legally cleared for adoption recruitment; and,

WHEREAS, 31 children in the Wake County foster care system have had to sleep in the Wake County Department of Social Services office at some point this year, highlighting the critical need to find homes for these children; and,

WHEREAS, Every child deserves to live in a safe, stable, loving, and nurturing environment, and adoption is one of the best ways to ensure they are able to have that for the rest of their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Adoption is a lengthy and complex process, often requiring coordination and support from adoptive families, public entities, private organizations, and the children themselves; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex recognizes that there is no issue more pressing and no goal more paramount than child welfare, and we are proud to aid in efforts supporting adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, "Adoption Awareness Month", in the Town of Apex, and encourage all individuals and families to support organizations that work with adoption and child welfare, and to consider if adoption or foster care is right for you and your family.

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 November 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor