

TOWN OF AREXY CAROLINA

Proclamation

Italian American Heritage Month 2023

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is recognizing the month of October 2023 as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, which first received national recognition in 1989 with the first proclamation issued by the United States Congress and Former President George H. W. Bush; and,

WHEREAS, Italian heritage is richly entwined in the history of the United States. Italians and individuals of Italian descent have made remarkable contributions to the development of this country; and,

WHEREAS, Italian Americans make up the fifth largest ethnic groups in the country and the United States has been fortified by the talents and culture of its residents of Italian descent; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex is home to a proud and vibrant Italian American community that has undoubtedly impacted culture and industry by influencing the arts and education, business and government, social service, and scientific and technological advancements near and far; and,

WHEREAS, October has been designated Italian American Heritage Month to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions Italian Americans have made in Apex, in North Carolina, and across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023, "Italian American Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to celebrate and observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 22nd day of October 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor