



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### **American Indian Heritage Month 2023**

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Since 1990, the month of November has been designated as American Indian Heritage Month, and the Town of Apex acknowledges it as a time to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and traditions of American Indian communities; and,

WHEREAS, Present-day North Carolina is situated on ancestral lands that Indigenous people have called home for more than 12,000 years; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight state-recognized tribes, which include the Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Saponny, and Waccamaw-Siouan; and,

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge North Carolina's four urban American Indian Organizations, consisting of the Triangle Native American Society, the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, and the Guilford and Metrolina Native American Associations; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is proud to be home to members of the American Indian Community, and we will continue to celebrate and cherish their culture, contributions, and character.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, "American Indian Heritage Month" in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to take time to learn more about the rich history and culture of the communities who have made these lands home for thousands of years.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 24th day of October 2023

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor