



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Indigenous Peoples' Day 2024

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Each year on Indigenous Peoples' Day, the Town of Apex honors the first inhabitants of this land – Native communities and Tribal Nations – by acknowledging their enduring presence, rich cultural heritage, traditions, and significant contributions to our community, state, and nation; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex acknowledges its connections to the lands originally inhabited by the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations at the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and,

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day aims to foster appreciation, reconciliation, understanding and ongoing partnerships among all individuals and the Indigenous people of this land, and serves as a reminder of the need for reconciliation, justice, and healing in response to the historical injustices they have endured; and,

WHEREAS, In honoring Indigenous Peoples, the Town of Apex is proud to present the Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration on Monday, October 14, 2024, at Apex Nature Park from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This year's event will feature music, storytelling, dance, traditional food, crafts, and more, in a celebration of the rich cultures and traditions of Indigenous communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 14th, 2024, "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the Town of Apex, and urge residents to learn more about the history of our country and land, and acknowledge the people that originally called what we now know as Apex home.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 8th day of October 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor