

Town of Apex, North Carolina

# Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" as the 2021 national theme for Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society, and culture of our community and to the United States; and

WHEREAS, this type of emphasis can strengthen the insight of all citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers to equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month will be celebrated in the Town of Apex with a series of virtual exhibits and virtual special events geared towards the enjoyment and education of all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in the Town of Apex and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina  
to be affixed this the 26th day of January 2021

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Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor