



*"The Peak of Good Living"*

TOWN OF APEX  
NORTH CAROLINA

## *Proclamation*

### **Human Trafficking Prevention Month 2024**

*from the Office of the Mayor*

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; and,

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is an international crisis that impacts people across the United States, including in North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of persons prosecuted for human trafficking more than doubled from 2011 to 2021; and,

WHEREAS, While human trafficking has been documented to affect individuals of all genders and socioeconomic statuses, women, girls, and economically disadvantaged individuals are more likely to be trafficked, and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex stands resolute in its commitment to supporting the organizations and programs that help fill critical gaps in the prevention of human trafficking and the supporting of its survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the Month of January 2024, Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to support measures that seek to eliminate the blight of human trafficking from our society.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 23th day of January 2024

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor