

Town of Apex, North Carolina

# Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, North Carolina recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since long before European settlers; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that Apex is built upon the land where Indigenous Peoples hunted and lived; and

WHEREAS, the Town values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the community southwest of Apex, known as Friendship, brought together Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, and European Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex seeks to combat cultural prejudice, eliminate racial discrimination, and to promote awareness, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex promotes equality of opportunity consistent with the U.S. Declaration of Independence for all people including those who descend from Indigenous Peoples, and desires to uphold policies and practices that ensure equal access to opportunity and their rights to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in America; and

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

WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("the Declaration") on December 16, 2010, and the Declaration recognizes that "Indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories, and resources."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim, Monday, October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Apex.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021

  
Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 2021

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, North Carolina celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our economy and to our unique and vibrant community character; and

WHEREAS, small businesses continue to navigate the unprecedented challenges of a global pandemic as they support their employees and meet the needs of their local communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses employing 46.8 percent of the private workforce in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration in North Carolina, there are 964,280 small businesses in North Carolina and they account for 99.6 percent of North Carolina businesses and were responsible for creating 39,382 net new jobs in 2021; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey, sales at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$19.8 billion in 2020, up from \$19.6 in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday celebrates the remarkable spirit of Apex, North Carolina small businesses and shows how essential they are to our community; and

WHEREAS, companies planning promotions on Small Business Saturday said the day helps their business stand out during the busy holiday shopping season, and contributes significantly to their holiday sales each year; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the contributions made by Apex local businesses is the key to sustaining a healthy business climate; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Apex are grateful to the small businesses of Apex for their presence in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex joins the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Apex Chamber of Commerce in supporting America's small businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 27, 2021 as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY. We urge residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday throughout the year.

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 23rd day of November 2021

  
Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor