

Town of Apex, North Carolina

# PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor

## LGBTQIA PRIDE MONTH 2022

**WHEREAS**, Individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual celebrate Pride Month or LGBTQIA Pride Month is celebrated Nationwide each year in the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, this month was chosen to commemorate the events that took place 50 years ago at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, on June 28, 1969, and is often viewed as the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important during this month to take the time to reflect on the LGBTQIA rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA people in the United States, the State of North Carolina, and the Town of Apex have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to the world in every aspect; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA Americans have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society;

**WHEREAS**, despite extraordinary progress, LGBTQIA Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina, the Wake County Commissioners, and the Town of Apex stands with the LGBTQIA community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment for all, and to advocate for LGBTQIA rights as human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Apex will continue to advocate for protections for all LGBTQIA individuals to make our Town a place where all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, are treated with dignity and respect;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACQUES GILBERT, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF APEX, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** June 2022 as LGBTQIA Pride Month.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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Jacques Gilbert, Mayor