

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) has urged all North Carolinians to take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, NCDHHS has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in the State of North Carolina and on March 10, 2020 North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for Wake County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, illness, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Apex under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 7 of the Town of Apex Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the entire jurisdiction of the Town of Apex, North Carolina.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Apex.

Section 3. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.22, it is hereby requested that the State of Emergency Proclamation issued by Wake County apply in its entirety to the Town of Apex.

Section 4. I hereby order all Town law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Town of Apex Emergency Operations Plan or Policy.

Section 5. I hereby order this Declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Apex Town Council and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 16th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jacques K. Gilbert", written over a horizontal line.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor