



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, Home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Apex residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Apex residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," effectively serves to remind Apex it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and urge all the people of Apex to prepare and practice a home fire escape plan for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Town's fire prevention services.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the
Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed.

This the 11th day of October 2022.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor