

N OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA Proclamation

Patriot Day 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, On September 11th, 2001, our nation was inexorably changed after terrorists hijacked commercial planes and crashed them into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, with another believed to be aimed at the Capitol building brought down in a Pennsylvania field by brave passengers; and,

WHEREAS, Patriot Day serves as an annual reminder of this great tragedy, and an opportunity to remember and honor the over 3,000 lives that were lost in this senseless act of cruelty and violence; and,

WHEREAS, The scene at the fallen Twin Towers was calamitous, and took over 91,000 rescue, recovery, and clean-up workers to evacuate 15,000 people, recover bodies for their families, and clean up the scene, all while being exposed to dangerous and hazardous conditions; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to the thousands of innocent civilians lost to this attack, 9/11 marked the single largest loss of first responders in a single day in American History, with the deaths of 343 Firefighters, 71 Law Enforcement Officers, 8 Paramedics, and 55 Military Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex honors the lives lost and the sacrifices made on that day 24 years ago, and invites the community to join us in remembrance at the annual Patriot Day Ceremony at the Apex Service Memory on Thursday, September 11th, at 9:30 AM.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11th, 2025, "Patriot Day" in the Town of Apex, and encourage residents to never forget the horrific events of 9/11, and show respect and appreciation for first responders in Apex and around the country.

> I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 9th day of September 2025

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor