

## N OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA Proclamation

## Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Apex Day of Honor 2025 from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Millions of Americans have heeded the call to serve and protect our country throughout its history from threats which jeopardize the freedom we hold dear, and that all people should enjoy; and,

WHEREAS, Through numerous conflicts, many paid the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our country, but some became Prisoners of War (POW) or went Missing in Action (MIA), making it extremely difficult for families to receive closure or say one final goodbye; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Defense Logistics Agency, more than 83,000 American servicemembers remain classified as POW/MIA, and efforts remain strong to find or account for them, and help grieving families begin to heal; and,

WHEREAS, As Americans, we hold a solemn responsibility to recognize the sacrifices that have been made for our freedoms and show our support to those who are doing the indispensable work of searching for answers; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex stands firm in its gratitude for all of the brave Americans who have served and are currently serving our country, and offer our condolences to all families still desperately hoping for answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 26th, 2025, "Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Apex Day Of Honor" in the Town of Apex, and urge residents to acknowledge this day with reverence and respect, and never forget the price of freedom.

> I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025

> > Jacques Gilbert, Mayor