



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week 2025

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex Fire Department works tirelessly to spread fire prevention education, inspect buildings for safety concerns, and respond to fires in order to help keep all of us safe; and,

WHEREAS, The increased use of lithium-ion batteries in many common household items, particularly electronics, present new and unique fire risks, as they are at risk of overheating, starting a fire, or even exploding; and,

WHEREAS, Over a recent five-year period, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has documented at least 25,000 incidents of overheating or fire related to lithium-ion batteries, highlighting the need for safety education and vigilance; and,

WHEREAS, Residents should follow these calls to action to help keep themselves and their families safe: Buy only listed and safety-certified products, prevent overcharging of lithium-ion batteries, taking care of equipment to prevent potential damage, and recycling lithium-ion batteries properly to help protect the whole community; and,

WHEREAS, The 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves as a reminder of the importance of using, charging, caring for, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5th - October 11th, 2025, "Fire Prevention Week" in Town of Apex, and urge residents to help educated their families and communities on these measures they can take to help keep everyone safe.

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

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor