

Town of Apex, North Carolina

# Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2020

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, and the Town of Apex is committed to the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Apex; and

WHEREAS, there were more than 361,000 home fires that killed more than 2,800 civilians in the United States in 2019; and

WHEREAS, homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire, and people who have made and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in North Carolina, and all members of our community should ensure their home has working smoke alarms, never leave cooking food unattended, maintain a three-foot “kid-free zone” around the stove and cooking areas, and keep anything that can catch fire away from stovetops; and

WHEREAS, by working together, the Town of Apex Fire Department and the citizens of our community can ensure that our town is a fire safe community; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Fire Prevention Week theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” effectively serves as a reminder to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the Town of Apex, and I ask that all members of our community commit to serving up fire safety in the kitchen.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina to be affixed this the 6th day of October 2020

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Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor