



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Lunar New Year 2026

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is one of the most widely celebrated cultural observances in the world and marks the beginning of the new year according to the lunar calendar; and,

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is celebrated by many residents of the Town of Apex, including individuals and families of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other Asian and Pacific Island heritages, and serves as an important time for family reunions, community gatherings, and cultural reflection; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the Year of the Horse, a zodiac symbol associated with strength, energy, perseverance, optimism, and a free and determined spirit – qualities that reflect the character of the Apex community and its commitment to progress, resilience, and shared success; and,

WHEREAS, observing the Lunar New Year provides an opportunity for all residents to learn about and appreciate the customs, values, and histories of their neighbors, fostering mutual respect and unity across cultures; and,

WHEREAS, We, as a Town, acknowledge and extend our sincere appreciation to local organizations, cultural groups, educational institutions, businesses, and community partners whose efforts support Lunar New Year celebrations, cultural programming that promote cross-cultural understanding and community engagement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex values diversity, inclusion, and cultural understanding, and recognizes that the traditions and contributions of Asian and Asian American communities enrich the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 17, 2026 as, "Lunar New Year Day" in the Town of Apex, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this meaningful occasion in a spirit of goodwill, reflection, and cultural appreciation. Furthermore, the Town of Apex extends its best wishes for a joyful, prosperous, and healthy New Year to all who celebrate, and welcomes the Year of the Horse with optimism for continued growth, harmony, and community strength.

I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 10th day of February, 2026.

Jacques Gilbert, Mayor