



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

Patriot Day 2026

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, which brings difficult and painful emotions, memories, and reflections for millions of people across the country; and,

WHEREAS, Patriot Day serves as an annual reminder of one of our nation's greatest tragedies, and an opportunity to remember and honor the over 3,000 lives that were lost on that day in this horrific attack, including nearly 500 first responders; and,

WHEREAS, Since then, the FDNY World Trade Center Program reports that over 9,000 people have died from illnesses linked to the attacks and their aftermath, including one of the largest rescue, recovery, and clean-up operations in human history; and,

WHEREAS, Even a quarter century later, the toll exacted by these horrendous acts of wanton violence remains heavy, with health impacts from Ground Zero conditions extending to thousands, and emotional burdens from the loss extending to millions; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex honors the lives lost 25 years ago and the lives still impacted today, and invite all residents to join us in remembrance for the Annual Patriot Day ceremony on Friday, September 11th, 2026, at 9:30 AM at the Downtown Service Memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 11th, 2026, "Patriot Day" in the Town of Apex, and urge all residents to join me in our responsibility to keep the memory of those who perished, those who survived, and those who bravely responded alive.