



"The Peak of Good Living"

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

United States Air Force's 79th Birthday

from the Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, The Department of the Air Force was created when President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947, and the Air Force was officially established on September 18, 1947, with the swearing in of its first Secretary W. Stuart Symington; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to this change, the roles now fulfilled by the Air Force were performed by the United States Army, with military use of aircraft beginning in the early 1900's and being critical throughout both World Wars; and,

WHEREAS, After World War II, it was obvious that airpower would need to be a significant part of military strategy to aid in the nation's defense and deter war, giving rise to the Air Force as a separate entity; and,

WHEREAS, Through its entire history, the United States Air Force has played a significant role in protecting our country and its people as well as pioneering significant scientific and technological breakthroughs which have had applications far beyond the military; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Apex is grateful for our country's Armed Forces and its members across all branches, and wish a very happy birthday to the United States Air Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of Apex, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18th, 2026, "the 79th Birthday of the United States Air Force", and extend my gratitude to all individuals who have served our country in the United States Air Force, including Councilmember Ed Gray.