

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief with nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States having suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981, conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence with the intent to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children; and

WHEREAS, The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels with the common themes of mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence, which further evolved to the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month, observed in October 1987, and annually since that time; and

WHEREAS, During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes, we recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, CARTER M. HENDRICKS, Mayor of Hopkinsville, Kentucky and STEVE TRIBBLE, Christian County Judge/Executive, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2015 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky and call upon all citizens to support the efforts to heighten awareness and work to end all forms of domestic violence.

DATED this 7th day of October 2015.

CARTER M. HENDRICKS, Mayor
City of Hopkinsville

STEVE TRIBBLE, Judge/Executive
Christian County Kentucky