

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from the beginning of the New World to those persons still reaching for the American dream, Hispanics have contributed to the greatness of our country; and,

WHEREAS, more than ever Hispanics play an integral role in the American nation, serving as leaders in government, the armed forces, law, business, science, sports, the arts, medicine and many other occupations; and

WHEREAS, it is important for every citizen to recognize the influence of Hispanic culture as reflected in every aspect of American life, from politics and education to music and the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 the United States Department of State authorized an annual presidential proclamation marking the week of September as 15th Hispanic Heritage Week. Subsequently, in 1988 President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration to Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th and called on schools and human rights organizations to participate fully in the observance of Hispanic culture;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15th, 2015 to be

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Hopkinsville and urge all citizens to acknowledge the immense contribution of Hispanics in our community and the United States and express their appreciation.

DATED this 17th day of September 2015.

**Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor
City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky**