

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States and Commonwealth of Kentucky during the month of April 2016; and**
- WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout society; and**
- WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and the ability to cope; and**
- WHEREAS, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable; as a result, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and**
- WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support needed to raise their children in healthy environments; and**
- WHEREAS, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the links between the abuse and neglect of children and wide ranges of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and**
- WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in safe and nurturing environments; and**
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.**

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, and Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive of Christian County, do hereby proclaim April 2016 to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Hopkinsville and Christian County and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to support families, thereby, preventing child abuse and strengthening our community.

Dated this 4th day of April 2016.

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

**Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive
Christian County**