

# ***PROCLAMATION***

- WHEREAS,** for over twenty years Kentucky Drug Courts have been restoring lives, reuniting families, and making communities across the Commonwealth safer; and
- WHEREAS,** Drug Courts facilitate community-wide partnerships that bring together criminal justice, public safety, and treatment professionals in the fight against substance abuse and criminality; and
- WHEREAS,** Drug Courts are now recognized as the most successful criminal justice intervention in our nation's history; and
- WHEREAS,** Drug Court reduces criminal recidivism with only 8 percent of Kentucky Drug Court graduates convicted of a new felony in the two years following graduation, versus 30 percent for non-Drug Court defendants on probation for similar offenses; and
- WHEREAS,** the Drug Court movement has grown nationwide from the 12 original Drug Courts in 1994 to over 2,900 operational Drug Courts; over the past twenty-five years, Drug Courts have served over 1.4 million individuals nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Kentucky Drug Court is successfully operating some 89 adult programs in 115 counties and has helped more than 6,200 Kentucky citizens turn their lives away from drugs to become contributing members of society; and
- WHEREAS,** each May, National Drug Court Month celebrates the promise of recovery and restored hope to Drug Court graduates and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Steve Tribble, Judge Executive of Christian County, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as:

## ***DRUG COURT MONTH***

in Hopkinsville and Christian County and urge all citizens to recognize the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work as well as the significant contributions that Drug Courts have made, and continue to make, in reducing drug usage and crime.

**DATED** this 18th Day of May 2016.

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

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