

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS,** April 2016 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was amended to expand coverage in 1988 with the Fair Housing Amendments Act; and

**WHEREAS,** This series of landmark legislation, generally referred to as the Federal Fair Housing Act, made it the nation's policy to ensure that fair housing become a reality throughout the United States by prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS,** The Fifth Amendment of the Bill of Rights assures us that no person shall be deprived of private property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use; and

**WHEREAS,** It becomes the responsibility of every American to make a personal commitment to safeguard the right of all persons to have an equal opportunity to obtain decent housing. When each and every American makes their personal commitment to justice and fairness, discrimination will no long exist; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the right of all Kentuckians to own private property, and this year the Hopkinsville-Christian and Todd County Board of Realtors, Housing Authority of Hopkinsville, Hopkinsville Human Relations Commission, Aaron McNeil House, Inc., and Community & Development Services will emphasize Equal Opportunity in Housing and the value of homeownership as well as property improvement within the community.

**WHEREAS,** We must join together and translate our dedication into a clear, living reality by reaffirming our individual commitments and ensuring that fair housing practices and equal opportunity in housing does in fact exist in all of our neighborhoods across this great land.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **WE, CARTER M. HENDRICKS, MAYOR OF HOPKINSVILLE,** and **STEVE TRIBBLE, CHRISTIAN COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE,** do hereby the month of April 2016 as

## ***FAIR HOUSING MONTH***

in Hopkinsville and Christian County.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

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Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville

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Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive  
Christian County