

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Literacy is the fundamental building block of all learning and is essential to the growth and success of every child in our state; and

WHEREAS, Reading to children enlarges their vocabulary and enhances their listening skills, thereby fostering intellectual growth and a more positive attitude toward reading; and

WHEREAS, Reading to a child is a simple and priceless act that benefits both adult and child, positively contributing to family literacy and strengthening the bond between parent and child; and

WHEREAS, When parents assume the responsibility for children's literacy, making a commitment to reading for 20 minutes a day, children become more healthy, resilient and inquisitive; and

WHEREAS, "National Read Aloud Month" is a nationally recognized program that has been in existence for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Read Loud Day Christian County Head Start and other organizations representing parents, teachers, family advocates, program assistants, Local Area Manager and Local Area Manager Assistant all advocate for reading aloud to children because it fosters healthy interaction between adults and children; and

WHEREAS, Reading aloud to children for 20 minutes each day will enhance family literacy and the well-being of young people throughout our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the great City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as:

READ ALOUD TO A CHILD MONTH

DATED this 23rd day of March 2016.

Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor
Hopkinsville, Kentucky