

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS; Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS; Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and
- WHEREAS; Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS; We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and
- WHEREAS; With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Hopkinsville and Christian County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and
- WHEREAS The City of Hopkinsville and Christian County Government strongly support the efforts of local, state, and national partners and urge every citizen to start, take appropriate action, and support one another to actively prevent sexual violence and create a safer environment for all.
- NOW, THEREFORE, We, CARTER M. HENDRICKS, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, and Steve Tribble, Christian County Judge/Executive, do hereby proclaim April 2016 to be **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Hopkinsville and Christian County and join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence.

DATED this 6<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