

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, celebrate our small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and
- Whereas,** the Small Business Administration reports there are 28.8 million small businesses in the US, representing 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees, creating 63 percent of all net new jobs over the past 20 years and employing over 49 percent of America's working population; and
- Whereas,** 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and
- Whereas,** 87 percent of American consumers agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and
- Whereas,** 93 percent of US consumers agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and
- Whereas,** Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, support our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and
- Whereas,** advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday,

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, CARTER M. HENDRICKS, Mayor of Hopkinsville and STEVE TRIBBLE, Judge/Executive of Christian County, Kentucky, do hereby jointly proclaim November 26, 2016, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

DATED this 17th day of November 2016.

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

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