

# *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief with nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States having suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981, conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence with the intent to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children; and

**WHEREAS,** The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national levels with the common themes of mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence, which further evolved to the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month, observed in October 1987, and annually since that time; and

**WHEREAS,** During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes, we recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, **CARTER M. HENDRICKS**, Mayor of Hopkinsville, and **STEVE TRIBBLE**, Christian County Judge/Executive, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2017** as:

## *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH*

in Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, and call upon all citizens to support the efforts to heighten awareness and work to end all forms of domestic violence.

**DATED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

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**CARTER M. HENDRICKS**, Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky

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**STEVE TRIBBLE**, Judge/Executive  
Christian County, Kentucky