

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, *every year, more than two million disabled and elderly citizens are victims of physical abuse, emotional abuse, caretaker neglect, exploitation and are denied many of their rights; and*
- WHEREAS, *in 2016, over 6,622 vulnerable adults aged 60 plus were reported as victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in the State of Kentucky; and*
- WHEREAS, *the health and well-being of disabled and elderly people should be one of the highest priorities of concern to all Americans; and*
- WHEREAS, *no aspect of our society - technology, agriculture, science, religion, sports, or education - would enjoy its current prominence without the contributions of those who are elderly or have disabilities; and*
- WHEREAS, *we can all benefit from the wisdom and knowledge acquired by Americans who are elderly or have disabilities; indeed, the experiences of their pasts can help our state meet the challenges of its future; and*
- WHEREAS, *people who are elderly or have disabilities are among the most important resources of our state, and it is fitting that we recognize the need to protect their health, safety, and rights.*
- NOW, THEREFORE, *We, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of Hopkinsville, and Steve Tribble, Christian County Judge/Executive, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017 as*

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

in Hopkinsville and Christian County and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

DATED this 15th day of June 2017.

*Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor
City of Hopkinsville*

*Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive
Christian County*