

# **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, organ, tissue, marrow and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, over 120,000 individuals nationwide are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting due to the shortage of donated organs; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic and African American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can enhance the lives of over 50 others; and a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of lives each year are saved and healed by donors of organs, tissues, marrow and blood; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of giving and decision to donate are not restricted by age or medical condition; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.7 million Kentuckians have signed up with the state-authorized Kentucky's Organ Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored; over 106,000 Kentuckians registered for the first time in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Kentucky residents can join Kentucky's Organ Donor Registry when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the Circuit Clerk's Office Division of Motor Vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive of Christian County, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

## **NATIONAL ORGAN DONOR MONTH**

and encourage all in Hopkinsville and Christian County to choose to donate life.

**DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2017.**

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

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