

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, before they are eighteen, about half of our nation's children will have lived part of their lives with a single parent who strives to fill the role of both mother and father; and

**WHEREAS**, many single parents in America are making valiant efforts on behalf of their children under trying and varied circumstances; as such, single parents deserve our recognition and appreciation for their demonstrated dedication to their young; and

**WHEREAS**, we should also recognize the vital and ongoing role a large percentage of non-custodial parents play in the nurturing process of their children; indeed, their sacrifices, devotion and concern reflect the bonds of caring for those they have brought into this world; and

**WHEREAS**, single parents can and do provide children with the financial, physical, emotional and social support they need to take their places as productive and mature citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, with the active interest and support of friends, relatives and local communities like ours, they can do even more to raise their children in the best possible environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, and Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive of Christian County, in honor of the hard work, devotion, and sacrifices of those committed to single parenting, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2017, as

## ***SINGLE PARENT DAY***

throughout Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, and call on our community to volunteer their help, privately or through community organizations, to single parents who seek it to meet their aspirations for their children.

**This 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.**

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

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