

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, April 6, 2017 marks the centennial of America's declaration of war against Imperial Germany and America's entry into the First World War; and

Whereas, Christian County, Kentucky, is home to Fort Campbell and countless military veterans of all Military Services; and

Whereas, men and women from the City of Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky, have served with distinction in the Armed Forces for the Great War and the wars to follow, and they continue to serve in defense of our freedoms in the Wars against Terrorism; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has officially created the World War One Centennial Commission to Educate, Commemorate and Honor this event in our history, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky has created Kentucky World War I Centennial Commission to do the same; and

Whereas, more than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during the Great War, with 116,516 U.S. soldiers giving their lives in combat and another 200,000 were wounded.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of Hopkinsville, and Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive of Christian County, joining with the Kentucky World War I Centennial Commission, Christian County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and VFW Post #1913, do hereby encourage all citizens to remember and commemorate America's entry into the Great War and the great sacrifices made by its citizens; we also do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL MONTH

throughout Hopkinsville and Christian County, Kentucky.

This 31st day of March 2017.

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

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