

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the KHSAA did not formerly begin recognizing State Football Championships before 1959, and precedent exists for schools boasting recognition of State Football Championships across the Commonwealth prior to 1959 and the formation of the KHSAA; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1940 Hopkinsville Tigers won all 11 of its games, all 8 of its Western Kentucky Conference games, and finished the year on a 12-game win streak extending back to November of 1939; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1940 Hopkinsville Tigers never won by a margin of less than two touchdowns beating the likes of Bowling Green, Mayfield, Owensboro, Clarksville (TN), Glasgow, Henderson, Madisonville, and Princeton during the year while scoring 369 points to its opponents' 48 points; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1940 Hopkinsville Tigers were crowned Western Kentucky Conference Champions and All-Kentucky League Co-Champions with Louisville Manual High School at the season's conclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, owing to Manual's respect for the 1940 team, Manual agreed to come to Hopkinsville the next year, in October of 1941, to play the Hopkinsville Tigers in a game and the Tigers prevailed; and

**WHEREAS**, from November of 1939 until the end of the 1941 regular season, the Hopkinsville Tigers beat every Kentucky high school team it faced and amassed 23 straight football victories; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopkinsville Tiger football programs were among the most dominant teams in Kentucky high school football over the entire decade of the 1940s amassing an incredible, program best, decade record of 78-28-2 and going 11-0 in 1940, 11-1 in 1941, 10-0 in 1943, and 9-1 in 1944; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists no reference, anywhere in the documentation reviewed in support of this proclamation, signifying that being the 1940 All-Kentucky League Co-Champion in football has any meaning other than the 1940 Tigers were considered, then and now, as the football Co-Champions of all Kentucky for their work during that season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive of Christian County, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim Coach Ralph Mills' 1940 Hopkinsville High School Football Team as

## KENTUCKY STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

with all the rights, privileges, and recognition said designation and distinction enjoy.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

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Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville

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Steve Tribble, Judge/Executive  
Christian County Government