## PROCLAMATION BY THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO COUNCIL

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME: GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, Allie Corbin Hixson's moral conscience for fairness and justice led her, at the age of 50 years, to become a crusader for women's rights in Louisville, Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, Allie Corbin Hixson's concern for women's rights enabled her to deliver the opening speech before thousands of people at a 1977 rally in Washington, D.C. commemorating the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Allie Corbin Hixson's passion for equality of women was evident in her spoken words regarding passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, "We will make it in our time. We will become first-class citizens, every woman in the USA...;" and further, "We will demand good health care and housing, and protection against rape and wife abuse, and we will insist that we have an equal chance in the corporate structure of this economy;" and

WHEREAS, Allie Corbin Hixson was one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Corbin, on a farm in Columbia, KY, she obtained her Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. degrees (while being married, teaching school, and raising 3 children), and ultimately became a leading, national spokesperson for the rights of women, all of which stand as a testament to her indomitable spirit; and

WHEREAS, Allie Corbin Hixson was the first person to earn a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisville; was the English department head at the Louisville Collegiate School; co-chaired the Kentucky Women's Agenda Coalition; was inducted into the "Kentucky Women Remembered" Hall of Fame; co-chaired the Kentucky Pro-ERA Alliance; served as President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Association of University Women from 1980 until 1984; and was Director of the state chapter of Rural American Women; and

WHEREAS, Allie Corbin Hixson departed this life on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, and leaves to cherish her memory and to mourn her passing, her beloved husband, William F. Hixson; a daughter, Mary Emma; and two sons: Walter and Clarence; in addition to a host of many devoted friends and colleagues.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL HEREBY PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 8, 2007 AS:

## "RESPECT FOR ALLIE CORBIN HIXSON DAY"

AND URGES ALL RESIDENTS TO PAY HOMAGE TO ALLIE CORBIN HIXSON, ADVOCATE EXTRAORDINAIRE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, EDUCATOR, WIFE, AND MOTHER; AND TO REMEMBER HER TENACITY, COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO SPEAK AND WORK FOR THE RIGHTS OF AN HISTORICALLY OVERLOOKED SEGMENT OF SOCIETY, BASED ON GENDER.

Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh, District 9 Sponsoring Council Member