



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The State of Minnesota is a leader in community involvement in the development and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that investment in quality afterschool programs is beneficial to children's academic, social, physical, and emotional development; and
- WHEREAS:** Every year, "Lights On Afterschool" is observed nationwide in celebration and support of afterschool programs, and Minnesota joins in recognizing the positive effects of quality afterschool programs on our children, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Quality afterschool programs provide the types of enriching experiences, which develop the skills needed for success in school, work, and life, and promote community engagement; and
- WHEREAS:** Afterschool programs support working families by ensuring children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- WHEREAS:** Afterschool programs also help build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships between youth, families, and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Minnesota is committed to the healthy development and safety of our youth and recognizes afterschool programs for the opportunities they provide. It is fitting to support this observance and its goals to ensure that lights stay on and doors stay open for all children after school in every community across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 23, 2014, as:

## LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE