



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is a leader in youth development and well-being, grounded in the principle that investments in high-quality afterschool programs are beneficial to a child's academic, social, physical, and emotional development; and

WHEREAS: Every year, "Lights On Afterschool" is observed nationwide in celebration and support of afterschool programs. Minnesota joins in by recognizing the positive effects of quality afterschool programs on our children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS: High-quality afterschool programs provide enriching experiences that promote community engagement and develop the necessary skills to be successful in school, work, and life; and

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs 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 observes and supports Lights On Afterschool 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 22, 2015, 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 21st day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE