



# STATE of MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a leader in involving the community in the development and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that investments in quality summer and afterschool programs are beneficial to our children's academic, social, physical, and emotional development; and
- WHEREAS: Quality summer and afterschool programs provide the types of enriching experiences that develop the skills necessary for success in school, work and life, and promote community engagement; and
- WHEREAS: Afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive during the summer and after the regular school day ends; and
- WHEREAS: Afterschool and summer 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 among youth, families and adults; and
- WHEREAS: "Lights On Afterschool" is observed nationwide each year in celebration and support of afterschool programs, recognizing the positive effects of quality afterschool programs on our children, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is committed to the healthy development and safety of our youth and recognizes after school programs for the opportunities they provide;
- WHEREAS: Taking time to promote these goals will help ensure that in every community across the state the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 16-22, 2016, as:

## LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL WEEK

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE



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