



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences, which help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills; and

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

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs build strong communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families, and adults; and

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

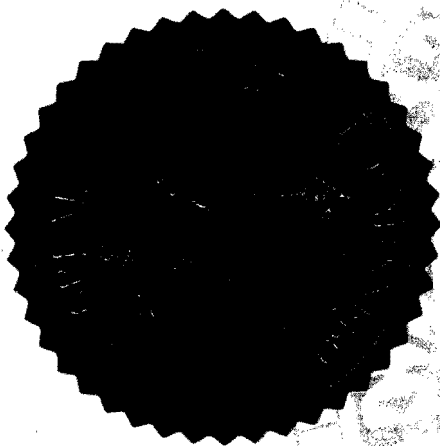
WHEREAS: Minnesota has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS: Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 18, 2012, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 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 28th day of September.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE

