

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs and opportunities provide safe and engaging learning experiences, support working families, build stronger communities and engage all affiliates in advancing the welfare of the next generation; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth and address their academic, social and emotional needs. Afterschool programs provide engaging opportunities to connect with caring adults and peers. Today, programs are supporting young people and families as they navigate the return to school and will continue to innovate to meet everchanging needs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement to support 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 promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022, as

## Lights on Afterschool Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.

Kay Ivey, Governor