



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

2012 LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho are firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho 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 held this year on October 18, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, 29 percent of Idaho's K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves afterschool; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs across Idaho have helped to significantly boost student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help eliminate the achievement gap, promote physical activity and prepare young people to go onto college and compete in the global economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 to be

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in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 18th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE