



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills while offering extended learning opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math, and Healthy Living; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs have the potential to provide between 234 to 400 hours of enriched learning time to enhance the school day per year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has demonstrated significant growth 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, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2015, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, in Idaho 54,797 children are on their own during the hours after school, and 111,583 children would participate in an afterschool program if one were available; and

WHEREAS it is a priority in the State of Idaho to maintain the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will prepare young people to compete in the global economy and lead more enriched lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim that October 22nd, 2015, as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

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 6th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE