

Proclamation

Presented to

Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance is a network of individuals and organizations dedicated to supporting and advancing sustainable, quality afterschool and summer learning programs for our keiki; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i, 54,184 children are enrolled in afterschool programs; 59,057 are waiting for an available program; and 35,474 are alone and unsupervised after school; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs keep kids safe, reduce risky behaviors, boost student success, help parents keep their jobs and help narrow the achievement gap between students from high and low-income families; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs allow students to gain new experiences and learn new skills, such as robotics or martial arts, in a safe and productive environment after the regular school day ends; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs build stronger communities by engaging students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has provided significant leadership with community partners 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, the State of Hawai'i is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will prepare young people for success in school, college, work and life; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Hawai'i's educational system is to strengthen our public schools by focusing on 21st century skills and learning, and ensuring that schools provide a healthy and safe learning environment to help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills both during and after school hours; and

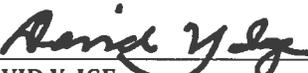
WHEREAS, with over 1 million Americans at more than 8,000 events annually, Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event that celebrates afterschool programs and how important they are in the lives of children, families and communities;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2017 as

"LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in reinforcing our commitment to promoting innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of October 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i