



Proclamation

WHEREAS, afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn more and discover new skills; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs reduce the high incidence of latchkey children and the likelihood of engaging in risky behavior; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs are important resources for working families, providing a safe venue for their young children after the last school bell rings; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs can help in closing the achievement gap for many students; and

WHEREAS, over 54,000 K-12 students in Hawai'i are enrolled in afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance is dedicated to ensure that all children in Hawai'i have access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i and community partners are committed to investing in the education, health, well-being and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help prepare them to be responsible citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 25, 2018, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018 as

"LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and doors stay open for all children after school.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i