



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends, and engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs and opportunities help to build stronger communities by involving 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 North Carolina has provided significant leadership, involving communities in the education and well-being of our youth and following 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 26, 2017, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, 19.4 million families report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available; and


WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, investing in the health and safety of our young people includes expanding learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare them to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends Lights On Afterschool, and encourages citizens to support innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2017, as “KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.