



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY**

**2019**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, afterschool programs provide safe and engaging learning experiences that aid in child development while supporting working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina 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, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 24, 2019, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of 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 severe funding shortfalls, forcing them to close their doors and turn off the lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to be ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2019, 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 fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.