

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Arizona stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they

- provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills.
- support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- 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 Arizona 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, 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, the State of Arizona 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 compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration of afterschool programs, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children and youth, their families and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

and I further encourage Arizonans to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for Arizona children after school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE