

WHEREAS; quality afterschool programs provide learning experiences that help students develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills and encourage children to become successful adults; and

WHEREAS; in addition to serving our state’s kids, afterschool programs support working parents and contribute to the strength of our communities by engaging families with schools and community partners to develop positive relationships; and

WHEREAS; throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have provided vital support to our state’s kids and families, innovating to provide virtual programming to keep kids engaged, caring for children of essential workers, providing meals, and offering emotional and learning supports; and

WHEREAS; 19.4 million families nationwide report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available, yet there is persistent, unmet demand for quality afterschool programs within our state and throughout our country, leaving many programs facing severe funding crises and many students without a safe and stimulating place to go at the end of each school day; and

WHEREAS; “Lights On Afterschool” is a national celebration of afterschool programs that promotes the importance of quality afterschool programming in the lives of kids, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in the health and safety of young people throughout our state by expanding access to continued learning opportunities that will help close achievement gaps and encourage continued, intergenerational success within our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 22, 2020, as

## **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**

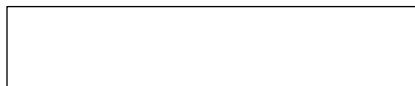
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State