

## LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

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

- Provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms.
- Help address key issues in our state such as school absenteeism, learning loss recovery, and workforce development.
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, businesses, and volunteers in the lives of young people.

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide critical support for children and youth, offering them new experiences and opportunities, along with hands-on learning, that help them learn and grow. Youth who attend afterschool programs attend school more often, do better in school, and gain important work and life skills.

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming is committed to the education and well-being of our youth, and recognize that quality afterschool programs prepare our children to become successful adults and help our community thrive.

**WHEREAS**, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 24, 2024 promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs for our children, families, and communities.

**WHEREAS,** Wyoming is committed to providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn, grow, and develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **I**, **MARK GORDON**, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2024 to be

## **Lights On Afterschool Day**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2024.



The Honorable Mark Gordon 33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming