

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, by providing challenging and engaging learning experiences in a supervised, secure environment for students at the end of the school day, afterschool programs keep kids safe and productive, help working families, improve academic achievement, and contribute to our children's future success; and

WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs promote positive relationships among youth, families, and adults and help build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs give students the opportunity to develop new skills and talents, participate in physical activities, explore art and music, and get help with difficult subjects; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool* is a nationwide event designed to call attention to afterschool programs and the benefits they provide for children, families, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of safe, affordable afterschool programs and activities on the future success of our students and the quality of life for our families and communities.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA