

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 22, 2026

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs for our children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota stands firmly committed to quality afterschool programs that provide engaging, hands-on learning experiences, boost academic growth, improve student well-being and support working families with safe afterschool care for children; and

WHEREAS, youth who attend afterschool programs attend school more often, do better in school, connect with caring adults and peers, and gain important work and life skills; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to the education and well-being of our youth, and recognizes that quality afterschool programs prepare our children to become successful adults and help our communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, the demand for afterschool programs continues to grow; for every child in a program, four are waiting to get in; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 22, 2026, **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE