

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 22, 2020

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences for children, support working families, build stronger communities and engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 crisis, afterschool programs have risen to support youth by innovating to provide virtual programming to keep kids engaged; caring for children of essential workers; providing meals and learning supports; and checking in on youth and families' well-being; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youths, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

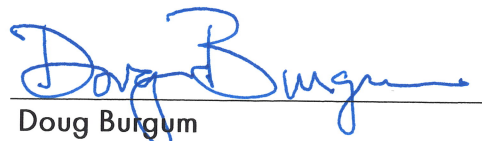
WHEREAS, 19,865 North Dakota students are enrolled in an afterschool program; and North Dakota parents strongly support afterschool programs, with 86 percent supporting public funding for afterschool and 77 percent saying that afterschool programs support them in their work lives; and

WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 22, 2020, LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE