

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

OCTOBER 26, 2023

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities that provide safe 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, afterschool programs have risen to support youth in addressing the social and academic needs as they recover from learning gaps, and afterschool programs continue to provide innovative, hands-on opportunities for youth to re-engage in their learning and connect with caring adults and peers in a safe and supportive environment; and

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

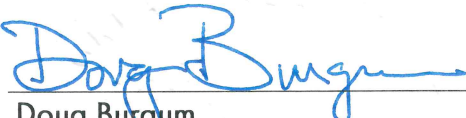
WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 26, 2023, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 youth in North Dakota attend an afterschool program; and for every youth in a program, two more would attend if one were available to them; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help children learn and grow, while helping them 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 26, 2023, LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 

Michael Howe  
SECRETARY OF STATE