



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

Doug Burgum  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**  
OCTOBER 26, 2017

**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**, 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

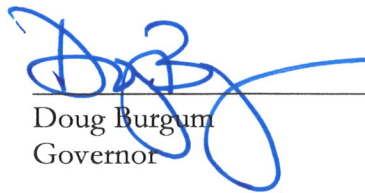
**WHEREAS**, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 26, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 28 million children in the United States have parents who work outside the home and 15.1 million of those children have no place to go after school; and

**WHEREAS**, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; 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 26, 2017, **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY** in the State of North Dakota.



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Doug Burgum  
Governor

ATTEST:



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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State