



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Department of Education's After-School Plus (A+) Program was created to give students time to complete homework and participate in enrichment and physical activities such as arts, crafts, drama, dance, sports and games; and

**WHEREAS**, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

**WHEREAS**, afterschool programs build stronger communities by engaging families, schools, business leaders and adult volunteers in advancing the welfare of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i provides significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, 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 promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2019 as**

## **"LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing that every child should have access to innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open after school.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of October 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i