



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, our communities are best served with quality afterschool programs, which provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth and are critical supports to help youth recover from this challenging time and address their academic, social, and emotional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i has provided 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 held this year on October 19, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 25 million families across the country report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available; and in Hawai'i, for every child in an afterschool program in Hawai'i, two more are waiting to get in; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2022 as

## **“LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the importance of afterschool programs and activities that ensure countless opportunities for our keiki.

Done at State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of September 2022.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i