WHEREAS: The citizens of the State of Oregon stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon 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 25, 2017, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS: The State of Oregon is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement and opportunity gaps, and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 26, 2017 to be LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 5, 2017.

Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State