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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, quality afterschool programs and opportunities help children develop, support families, and build stronger communites; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 crisis, afterschool programs have supported youth by providing virtual programming to keep kids engaged, caring for children of essential workers, providing meals and learning supports, and checking in on youth and families' wellbeing; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma has provided leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and wellbeing of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs work to help our children become successful adults; and

Whereas, *Lights on After School,* the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2020, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and

Whereas, 19.4 million families report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma believes in 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 a global economy;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2020, as

"Lights on After School Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this second day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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