



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

- WHEREAS: The citizens of the state of Georgia stand firmly committed to quality after school programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, engaging and enjoyable learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and intellectual skills; and
- WHEREAS: The commitment to after school programs and the opportunities they provide ultimately support working families by ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- WHEREAS: After school programs help build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults; and
- WHEREAS: After school programs in Georgia have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth. Quality after school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and
- WHEREAS: *Lights On Afterschool*, a national celebration of after school programs on October 20, promotes the importance of quality after school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia 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: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011, as LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

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