Keeping the Lights On After School: A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the citizens of [city] stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities that:

* Provide challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills.
* Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
* Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Afterschool Network and the many quality afterschool programs in [city] have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement, furthered the education and well-being of our youth, and created opportunities for children to develop the skills they need for the future.

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year in [city] on October 25, 2018, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

WHEREAS, [city] is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor [name] do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018, as “Lights On Afterschool Day”;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this mayor enthusiastically endorses Lights On Afterschool and commits the community of [city] to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.