



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY

- WHEREAS:** Quality afterschool programs provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms; build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and
- WHEREAS:** Afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth in addressing their academic needs and well-being as they recover from the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia has provided significant leadership in 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 20, 2022, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia joins in promoting the health and safety of all young people by supporting expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 as KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY in Georgia to honor the achievements of minority businesses and their importance to our economy.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martha Kilpatrick*

CHIEF OF STAFF