WHEREAS: The State of Oregon stands firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth by innovating to provide 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 Oregon is committed to investing in the health, safety and well-being of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help prepare young people to compete in the global economy and become successful adults; and

WHEREAS: Lights On Afterschool, 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: Many afterschool programs across the country are facing operating challenges and funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close doors and turn off their lights.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 22, 2020 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 15, 2020

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State