WHEREAS: Oregonians are firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they support working families by providing safe and engaging environments that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills; and

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs also 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 also advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS: Afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support youth in addressing social and academic needs as they recover from the pandemic. Afterschool programs continue to provide innovative, hands-on opportunities for youth to reengage in their learning and connect with caring adults and peers in a safe and supportive environment; 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 them 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 20, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 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, September 21, 2022.

Kate Brown, Governor

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State