



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Tennessee stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills,
- support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends,
- 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,
- engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth and afterschool programs across Tennessee have provided significant leadership in the area of 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, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 18, 2012, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the United States have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012, as

LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of October, 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Julie Bergitt, Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State