



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**

**WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and enrichment opportunities; and**

**WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide safe, engaging, and fun learning experiences to help children develop their social and academic skills; and**

**WHEREAS, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and**

**WHEREAS, afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people; and**

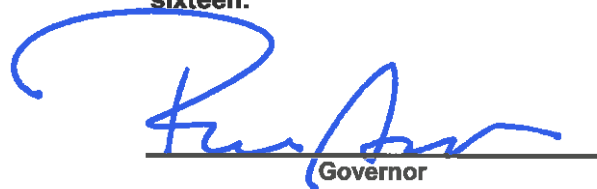
**WHEREAS, afterschool programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth; and**

**WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 20th, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their parents, and their communities;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, so hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 20, 2016, as *Lights On Afterschool Day*, and encourage schools to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after the last school bell rings.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of October, in the year two thousand sixteen.**

  
Governor