



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME NETWORK HAS PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE EDUCATION AND WELLBEING OF OUR YOUTH AND ARE COMMITTED TO 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 25, 2018, PROMOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS IN THE LIVES OF NEW MEXICO'S CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, MORE THAN 28 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE U.S. HAVE PARENTS WHO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, AND 15.1 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE NO PLACE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL OTHER THAN HOME; AND

WHEREAS, MANY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE FACING FUNDING SHORTFALLS SO SEVERE THAT THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS AND TURN OFF THEIR LIGHTS; AND

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICO IS COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BY PROVIDING EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL HELP CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AND PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 25TH, 2018, AS

“LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND I ENCOURAGE NEW MEXICANS TO ENGAGE IN INNOVATIVE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH ENSURE THE LIGHTS STAY ON AND THE DOORS STAY OPEN FOR ALL CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Susana Martinez
SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

