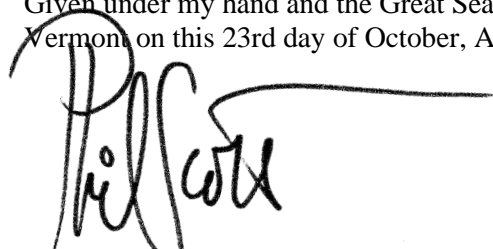


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** afterschool programs provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms; and
- WHEREAS,** afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving peers, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among kids, families, and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** afterschool programs engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont has a dedicated funding stream for the continued expansion of afterschool and summer programming; and
- WHEREAS,** the Afterschool and Summer Learning Advisory Committee is building a universal afterschool system to ensure all Vermont youth have affordable afterschool and summer opportunities where they can be active, engaged, connected, and heard; and
- WHEREAS,** Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 24, 2024, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** afterschool programs support youth in addressing social and academic needs as they recover from the pandemic and continue to provide innovative, hands-on opportunities for youth to re-engage in their learning and connect with caring adults and peers in a safe and supportive environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 24th day of October, 2024 as

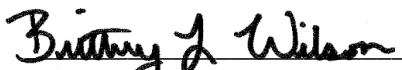
**LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs