

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to protecting the most vulnerable, including young people, by providing expanded learning opportunities to help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters are committed to providing quality afterschool programs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences for children, support working families, help sustain stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, and ultimately promote positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has provided significant leadership in 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, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 25, 2018, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of October, A.D. 2018

Handwritten signature of Philip B. Scott in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Handwritten signature of Jaye Pershing Johnson in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs