

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs serve our youth and communities by providing a safe and engaging environment for children to reach their full potential, supporting working families, and engaging members of the community in promoting the welfare of our children; and*

*WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide young Montanans with innovative, hands-on opportunities to engage in their learning and connect with caring adults and peers in a safe and supportive environment; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Afterschool Alliance, approximately 7.6 million children are alone and unsupervised after school nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, children hold the key to our future, and Montana will continue to invest in and support them as they learn and grow; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 23-27, 2023*

### **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL WEEK**

in Montana to support innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**