

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 learning and connect with caring adults and peers in a supportive environment; and

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

WHEREAS, children hold the key to our future, and the State of 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 21-25, 2024

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL WEEK

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

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor