State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY
OCTOBER 16, 2008

WHEREAS, after school programs provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, after school programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

WHEREAS, such programs help build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships and advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's after school programs have provided significant leadership in getting communities involved in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Association for Lifelong Learning is working with partner organizations throughout the state to promote the importance of quality after school programs in the lives of children, their families, and their communities, and to ensure the lights stay on and the doors remain open for all children after school.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 16, 2008, **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

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