



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor Proclamation

State Capital  
Boise

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Idaho stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential and support their academic growth and well-being through experiences in real life; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms; help address key issues in our state such as school absenteeism, learning loss recovery, and workforce development; build stronger communities by involving students, parents, businesses, and volunteers in the lives of young people, and provide a solid return on investment – every \$1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least \$3 by increasing kids' earning potential, improving their performance at school, and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs provide critical support for children and youth, offering them new experiences and opportunities, along with hands-on learning, that help them learn and grow. Youth who attend afterschool programs attend school more often, do better in school, and gain important work and life skills; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is committed to the education and well-being of our youth, and recognizes that quality afterschool programs prepare our children to become successful adults and help our communities; and

WHEREAS, the demand for afterschool programs continues to grow – for every child in a program, four are waiting to get in; and

WHEREAS, many after school programs face operating challenges so severe that they are forced to consider closing their doors and turning off their lights; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is committed to providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn, grow, and develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2026, to be

### ***KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY***

in Idaho, and I encourage Idaho citizens to recognize this special observance.



PHIL MCGRANE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

BRAD LITTLE  
GOVERNOR