

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mississippi stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs because they:

- Provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our kids that boosts their academic achievement;
- Support working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people; and
- Encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education;

WHEREAS, Mississippi has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of your youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are a critical link to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!* — a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 10, 2002, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 10, 2002 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to assure that every child has access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool on October 10, 2002, and urge communities across the state to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure that children are safe and productive when the school day ends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, September 25, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR