

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** many afterschool programs across the country are facing operating challenges such that they may have to consider closing their doors and turning off their lights; and
- Whereas,** *Lights On Afterschool Day* promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and
- Whereas,** working families are supported by afterschool programs that provide the security of a safe environment that encourages productivity and promotes healthy relationships among youth, caregivers, and families; and
- Whereas,** the Great State of West Virginia has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in part in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and
- Whereas,** quality afterschool programs and opportunities provide safe and engaging learning experiences, build stronger communities, and engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and
- Whereas,** afterschool programs encourage the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

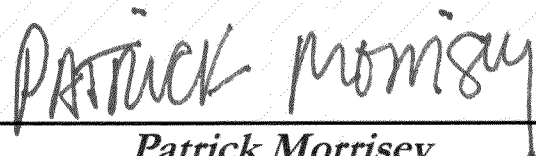
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 23, 2025*, as:

Lights on Afterschool Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Third day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State