

Office of the Mayor
City of Fayetteville
Proclamation



WHEREAS: the citizens of Fayetteville stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills,
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends,
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults,
- Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children, and

WHEREAS: the Donald W. Reynolds Boys & Girls Club and the School Kids Connection Afterschool Program have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults, and

WHEREAS: Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 20, 2016, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities, and

WHEREAS: more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school, and

WHEREAS: many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights, and

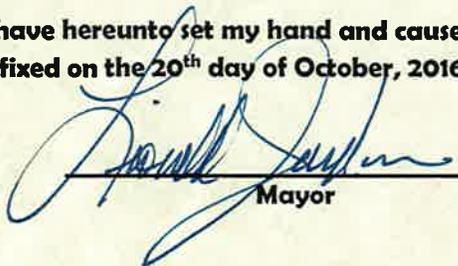
WHEREAS: the City is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lioneld Jordan, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 20, 2016 as

"LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY"

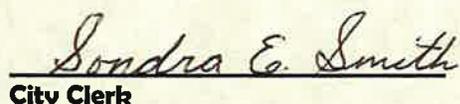
in Fayetteville, Arkansas and I enthusiastically endorse Lights On Afterschool and commit our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure that lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas to be affixed on the 20th day of October, 2016.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

