

# Proclamation

In recent years, many afterschool programs across our nation are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights, providing fewer resources for children who benefit from these social and educational interactions.

For nearly 10 years, the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs, has sponsored *Lights on Afterschool*. This national campaign emphasizes the importance of afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities. These public-private partnerships help to ensure quality afterschool programming for our keiki.

Here in our state, the Hawai'i Department of Education has partnered with the YWCA of Honolulu to provide afterschool care for more than 7,000 children in grades K-6 through the A+ Program at 47 public schools on O'ahu. The Boys & Girls Clubs of O'ahu also offers facilities and activities for more than 15,000 children.

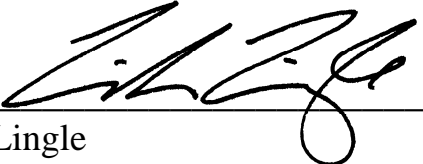
The residents of Hawai'i benefit from afterschool programs that provide students with safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences while helping enrich their social, emotional, physical and academic skills. Afterschool programs also support working families by providing children a safe and productive environment after the regular school day ends.

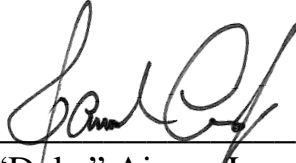
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.,** Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **October 16, 2008**, as

## **LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**

in Hawai'i, to encourage our citizens to engage in solutions that will allow doors to stay open and light to remain on for the innovative afterschool programs in our state.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of October 2008.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i