

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; and

WHEREAS, promotes valued social and academic skills that motivate, challenge and inspire children; and

WHEREAS, builds stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people; and

WHEREAS, encourages families to become more effective partners in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, supports working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

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 9, 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 9, 2003 as

LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

in the State of Mississippi, extend appreciation to all afterschool programs for their efforts to improve the lives of our students, and encourage all citizens of Mississippi to assure that every child has access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool.

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, August 15, 2003, in the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.


RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR