



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Quality afterschool programs and opportunities 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, and engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

**Whereas:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, the Bellevue Family YMCA, Bellevue School District, City of Bellevue, Kids Quest Museum, the King County Library System, Jubilee Reach and many other non-profit and private service providers provide quality afterschool programs and activities year-round that help children become successful adults; and

**Whereas:** *Lights-On Afterschool*, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 25, 2018, 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 of Bellevue 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, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the 25th of October 2018 as:**

## **Lights-On Afterschool Day**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bellevue enthusiastically endorses Lights-On Afterschool and encourages our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue