

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*The citizens across Nebraska stand firmly committed to supporting high-quality, school-based and community-powered afterschool and summer programs because they:*

- *Provide innovative educational experiences promoting success in school and life. National and local research shows Nebraska's school-based afterschool and summer programs provide challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences that benefit participating youth;*
- *Stimulate new school-community partnerships that engage community volunteers and partners in providing locally-relevant, hands on learning experiences;*
- *Support working families by ensuring that children are safe and engaged in productive activities after the regular school day and school year ends and parents are at work; and*
- *Strengthen Nebraska communities by involving students, parents, community organizations, businesses, teachers and adult volunteers and mentors in the development of our most precious resource, our you; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*"Lights on Afterschool," a national celebration of afterschool programs, will be held this year at locations around the country and across Nebraska on October 25th. These community-led events will showcase the importance of quality afterschool and summer programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*More than 28 million children in the US have parents who work outside of the home and 15.1 children have no supervised place to go afterschool. In Nebraska, it is estimated that over 114,000 youth are on their own during afterschool hours; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Beyond School Bells, Nebraska's statewide afterschool network and an array of partners in communities across the state are working to promote greater community involvement in the development and sustainability of high quality, school-based and community-powered afterschool programs; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Many afterschool programs in Nebraska and across the country face funding shortfalls that may require them to turn off their lights and close their doors to children who need these important services.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

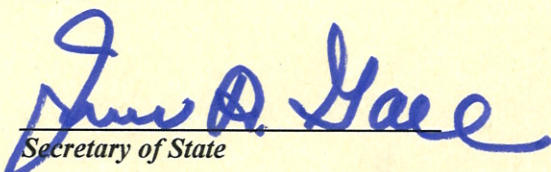
*I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 as*

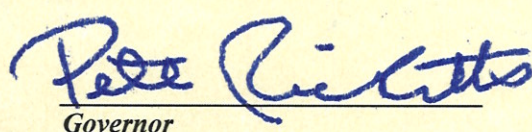
### **NEBRASKA LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of this observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.*

Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor