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Keeping the Lights on After School PROCLAMATION

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

- Provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children realize their full potential.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive when they are out of their classrooms.
- Build stronger communities by involving 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 City of Waukesha through our Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department offers before and after school programs at ten Waukesha elementary schools serving hundreds of children each year; and

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing operating challenges so severe that they are forced to consider closing their doors and turning off their lights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waukesha is committed to investing in all young people by providing learning opportunities and helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2021 as

Lights On Afterschool Day

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our providers enthusiastically endorse *Lights On Afterschool* and commit our state to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Signed this 19th day of October 2021

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor City of Waukesha

