

Mayor Ben McAdams

WHEREAS, the citizens of Salt Lake County stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County Regional Network has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth; 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, 19.4 million families report that they would enroll their child in an afterschool program if one were available; 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, Salt Lake County 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, Ben McAdams, Mayor of Salt Lake County, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018 as

Salt Lake County Lights on Afterschool Day

AND BE IT FURTHER proclaimed that this Mayor enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool* and commits our County to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Ben McAdams
Mayor