

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 17-1174

### Celebrating Denver afterschool programs and the 2017 Annual National Lights on Afterschool Day

**WHEREAS**, the Denver City Council recognizes that afterschool programs make a lifelong difference for kids and their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, students who regularly attend high-quality afterschool programs benefit in terms of academic performance, social and emotional learning, and health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, a strong focus on Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning (SEAL) impacts students' positive social behaviors and attitudes, skills such as empathy and self-confidence, and academic achievement providing youth with lifelong skills and setting them up for success in school, work and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver Afterschool Alliance connects and unites providers, school and city officials, families, funders and youth to create a long-term collaborative plan for high-quality afterschool programs citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denver City Council has supported afterschool programs so that Denver's children and families have access to programs that support their success and strengthen our city.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council recognizes the outstanding leadership of the Denver Afterschool Alliance in bringing together all stakeholders to create a collaborative, long-term plan for our city's afterschool system, and recognizes the 2017 National Lights on Afterschool Day, Thursday, October 26, 2017.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and transmit it to the Office of Children's Affairs.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 23, 2017

PRESIDENT