


The State of Maryland



The Seal of the State of Maryland is circular with a blue border containing the Latin motto 'SCVTO BONE VOLUNTATIS TIBI CORONASTI NOS 1632'. The center features a shield with a red and white checkered pattern, a blue chief with three gold stars, and a figure holding a bow and arrow. Above the shield is a crest with a bent arm holding a sword.

# Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

## LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 25, 2018

**WHEREAS,** The State of Maryland has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality-after school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS,** Lights On After School, the national celebration on October 25, 2018, promotes the importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their 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 after-school 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,** Maryland is committed to promoting safe expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 25, 2018 as LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 26th day of  
Two Thousand  
and eighteen  
October

  
Governor

  
Lt. Governor

  
Secretary of State

