



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the citizens of Grand Junction stand firmly committed to quality after-school programs 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, build stronger communities by involving volunteers in the lives of young people, and engaging families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and
- Whereas,** after-school programs support youth to help them address their academic, social, and emotional needs by providing remote learning support, virtual programming, care for children of essential workers, meal support, wellness check-ins, and more; and
- Whereas,** the Grand Junction City Council believes in community involvement, and 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 of after-school programs held this year on October 20, 2022, promotes the importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and
- Whereas,** many after-school 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,** Colorado is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that help our children learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2022 as

“Lights On After-school Day”

and enthusiastically endorse local after-school programs encouraging our community to engage in innovative after-school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 28th day of October, 2022.

Mayor