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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 24, 2019, as "Lights on Afterschool Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, After-school programs and opportunities provide  
4 safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences which help  
5 children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills  
6 and engage families, school and community partners in advancing  
7 the welfare of children; and

8 WHEREAS, After-school programs support working families by  
9 ensuring that children are safe and productive after the regular  
10 school day ends and build stronger communities by involving  
11 students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the  
12 lives of young people to promote positive relationships among  
13 youth, families and adults; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth  
15 Development Network has provided significant leadership in the  
16 area of community involvement in the education and well-being of  
17 our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school

1 programs are key in helping our children become successful  
2 adults; and

3 WHEREAS, Lights on Afterschool, the national celebration of  
4 after school programs, promotes the importance of quality after  
5 school programs in the lives of children, families and  
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 28 million children in the United States  
8 have parents who work outside the home and 19.4 million children  
9 have nowhere to go after school; and

10 WHEREAS, Many after-school programs across the country are  
11 facing funding short falls so severe that the programs are being  
12 forced to close the doors and turn off the lights; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to  
14 investing in the health and safety of all young people by  
15 providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close  
16 the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the  
17 global economy; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 24, 2019, as  
19 "Lights on Afterschool Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate enthusiastically endorse Lights on  
21 Afterschool and commit our Commonwealth to engage in innovative  
22 after-school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay  
23 on and the doors stay open for all children after school.