

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Martin County, Florida**

**A Proclamation**

**Declaring Lights on Afterschool Day in Martin County, Florida**

- Whereas,** leading national organizations credit high-quality afterschool programs with improving students' scholastic performances, enhancing their emotional learning capabilities, decreasing dropout rates and closing achievement gaps for economically vulnerable populations; and
- Whereas,** while thousands of local students find educational enrichment, mentorship, friendship and healthy nutrition through Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County and numerous other dedicated afterschool providers, many local young people still need safe, professionally operated and affordable havens to go to afterschool; and
- Whereas,** Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County provides certified teachers to help with homework and readiness for testing, leading 94% of members' parents to credit this intervention with better preparing their children for school; and
- Whereas,** Lights On Afterschool, a national effort and project of the Afterschool Alliance that partners with such organizations as, among others, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, YMCA of the USA and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, aims to ensure all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs; and
- Whereas,** Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County is leading a local effort to showcase Lights On Afterschool, encouraging members to share their thoughts, dreams and plans for brighter futures through artwork they create depicting their future selves, all to be showcased in an outdoor art gallery from 3 to 6 p.m. October 22 at area clubs.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that October 22 is Lights on Afterschool Day in Martin County.

**Presented this Twenty-first day of October 2020**

ATTEST:

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