

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as “Lights on Afterschool Day”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** The Children’s Trust of Alachua County stands firmly committed to investing in quality afterschool programs because they provide safe and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills; and

**Whereas,** During the COVID-19 pandemic, afterschool programs have embraced creative methods to continually provide extracurricular activities and well-being services to help students ease the burden of navigating life during the pandemic. Today, afterschool programs are supporting children with academic growth and peace of mind to parents; and

**Whereas,** The Children’s Trust of Alachua County has provided significant leadership in the education and well-being of our youth. Quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**Whereas,** Afterschool Alliance organizes the Lights on Afterschool Rally, and is celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Celebration on October 20, 2022. Over a million people will join the rally across the nation to underscore the importance of afterschool programs for children, families, and communities; and

**Whereas,** many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls and they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights. The Children’s Trust of Alachua County is committed to investing in afterschool programs to ensure every child has access to a safe and engaging place where the lights are on after school.

**Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as “Lights on Afterschool Day” in Alachua County, Florida.**

Duly proclaimed this 11th day of October, A.D., 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marihelen Wheeler, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.