



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

Keeping the Lights On After School

WHEREAS, the citizens of Kalamazoo County stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide nurturing, high quality, and engaging learning experiences that help youth develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills;
- Support families by ensuring youth are engaged in supportive learning environments after the regular school day ends; and
- Build stronger communities by involving youth, parents, business leaders in the lives of young people, thereby ensuring all youth thrive.

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo Youth Development Network (KYD Network) has provided significant leadership in improving outcomes for youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our youth thrive.

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool*, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 26th, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of youth, families and communities.

WHEREAS, many after school programs in our community are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help to ensure all youth thrive; now, therefore be it


Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 26th, as "*Lights On Afterschool Day*";

Proclaimed, That the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool* and commits our community to engage in innovative after school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all youth after school.

Adopted: October 17, 2023

Moved Strebs
Seconded Rey

Carried. Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Mazer, Morales, Rey, Strebs, Taylor,
Wheeler; No (0): None; Abstains: (0); Absent (0): None



John Taylor, Chairperson
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on October 17, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 18th Day of October 2023.



Meredith Place
Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register of Deeds