

Whereas the citizens of [INSERT STATE/CITY] firmly believe that afterschool professionals (those who work with children and youth in a wide variety of program settings to provide extended learning opportunities during out-of-school hours) have a positive effect on our children, families, community, and businesses.

Whereas afterschool professionals are a decisive element in young people's access to high-quality relationships and expanded opportunities beyond what they have access to at school and home, which they need to reach their full potential.

Whereas afterschool professionals deserve appreciation and support for all that they do that results in increased social-emotional skills, school attendance, and academic performance for young people.

Whereas [INSERT STATE/CITY] is committed to supporting the professionals who provide expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to be contributing citizens.

Now, therefore, I [OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE] do hereby proclaim April 25-29, 2022, as Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week in [INSERT CITY/STATE] and urge the citizens of [INSERT CITY/STATE] to join me in this special observance with events and displays of appreciation.

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Governor / Mayor

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