

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

Keeping the Lights On After School

October 20, 2016

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Longview, Washington stand firmly committed to quality after school programs and opportunities because they:

- *Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.*
- *Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.*
- *Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.*
- *Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.*

WHEREAS, Longview Recreation, Longview and Kelso School Districts, YMCA and Youth & Family Link and all partner agencies have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Lights On After School, the national celebration of after school programs held this year on Thursday, October 20th, promotes the importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as "**Lights On After School Day**" in our community and I enthusiastically endorse this event and encourage all to engage in innovative after school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be
affixed this 13th day of October 2016.*

Don Jensen, Mayor