

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Kingsport stands firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and activities; and,

Whereas, afterschool programs provide critical support for children and youth by offering new experiences, caring relationships, hands-on learning and opportunities to develop important life and work skills; and,

Whereas, *Lights On Afterschool*, the national celebration of afterschool programs, will mark its 27th year on October 22, 2026, shining a light on the important role afterschool programs play in the lives of children, families and communities; and,

Whereas, the demand for afterschool opportunities continues to exceed availability, with 22.6 million children nationwide waiting to get into an afterschool program, demonstrating the continued need to expand access to high-quality opportunities for young people; and,

Whereas, the City of Kingsport recognizes the essential role of afterschool and expanded learning opportunities in helping children learn, grow, build meaningful relationships, explore their interests, and develop the skills necessary for success in school, work and life.

Now Therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2026, as

Lights on Afterschool Day

in the City of Kingsport and urge all citizens to thank those who work each day to support the children and youth of our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor