



Town of _____

Micanopy

Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring October 21, 2026 as “Lights on Afterschool Day” in Micanopy, 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.*

Whereas *Afterschool provides a solid return on investment. Every \$1 invested in afterschool programs saves at least \$3 by increasing children’s earning potential, improving their performance at school, and reducing crime and juvenile delinquency.*

Whereas, *The Children’s Trust of Alachua County has provided significant leadership in the education and well-being of our children and youth, supporting 378 students in afterschool programs throughout Alachua County in the 2025-26 school year.*

Whereas, *Many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls and being forced to close, the Children’s Trust of Alachua County is committed to investing in afterschool programs to ensure every child has access to a safe place where they can learn and grow, while helping them develop the skills essential for success in life and work.*

Whereas, *Lights on Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs for our children, families, and communities. This year, the local celebration will be held on October 21, 2026, at the Willie Mae Stokes Center in Micanopy, Florida.*

Now, therefore, *through the authority vested in me, Jiana Williams, I do hereby proclaim October 21, 2026, as “Lights on Afterschool Day_” in Micanopy, Florida.*

Duly proclaimed this 14th day of October, A.D., 2026.