



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole stands 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 days 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; and

WHEREAS, R'Club Child Care, Inc. has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Keeping Lights On After School*, a national celebration of after school programs on October 24, 2019, promotes the critical importance of quality after school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 19.4 million children have no place to go after school; and

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

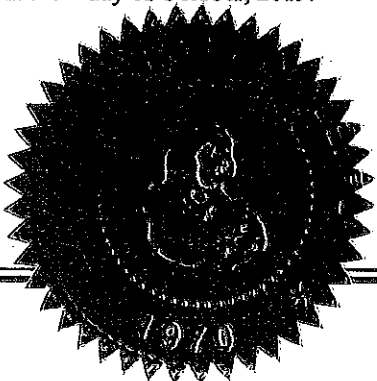
WHEREAS, R'Club is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2019 to be

"KEEPING LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY"

and urge the citizens of the City of Seminole join R'Club Child Care in supporting the principle that every child should have a safe and engaging place where 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 Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 24TH day of October, 2019.




Leslie Waters, Mayor