

Proclamation



WHEREAS: the citizens of Pompano Beach stand firmly committed to quality afterschool 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.
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- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
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- 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: Afterschool programs provide significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, and are grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

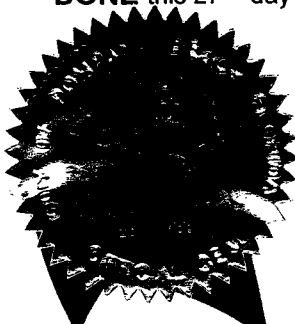
WHEREAS: Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 20, 2011, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS: more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and over 14 million children have no place to go after school; and

WHEREAS: the Children's Services Council is on the front lines of providing quality afterschool experiences here in Pompano Beach and across Broward County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor, on behalf of the City Commission of Pompano Beach, FL, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011 as "Lights On Afterschool Day"; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Commission enthusiastically endorses afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

DONE this 27TH day of September 2011.




LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR

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WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS: fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS: home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2009, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

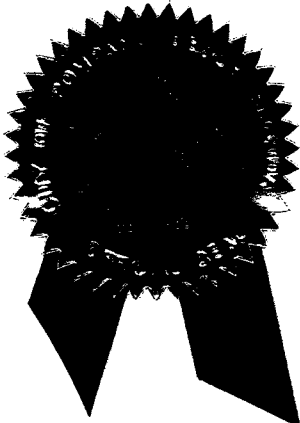
WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire; and

WHEREAS: residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and, are therefore, more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS: the Fire Prevention Week 2011, "Smoke Alarms: It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2011 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all Pompano Beach residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2011, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Pompano Beach Fire and Emergency Services.

DONE, this 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011.



LAMAR FISHER
MAYOR