



Proclamations provide an opportunity for you to raise awareness of afterschool, share your program's successes, and thank key people for their support. This gesture is a simple way for elected officials to show their support and gives you something to show off and announce at your event.

More than governors can issue proclamations— mayors, city councils, a school board, parks and recreation department, your own governing board, or your partners can also issue proclamations for Summer Learning Week. Below is sample language for a proclamation that any organization might adopt to endorse Summer Learning Week and affirm that afterschool is key to kids' success.

### **SAMPLE PROCLAMATION FOR MAYORS**

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WHEREAS, the citizens of **[Name of town/city/district/state/community]** stand firmly committed to quality summer programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive during the summer and receive nutritious summer meals.
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, summer programs have risen to the moment to support youth and are critical supports to help youth recover from this challenging time and address their academic, social, and emotional needs. Summer programs provide engaging, hands-on learning and opportunities to connect with caring adults and peers.

WHEREAS, **[Name of Program]** 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 summer programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

WHEREAS, *Summer Learning Week*, the national celebration of summer programs held this year on July 10 – 14, 2023, promotes the importance of high-quality summer programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

WHEREAS, 53% of Georgia families report that they would like their children to

participate in summer programs, while only 46% can claim to have at least one child enrolled in a summer program.

WHEREAS, 88% of Georgia parents support public funding for summer learning programs.

WHEREAS, the **[state/city]** is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing summer learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **[Name of Mayor]** do hereby proclaim July 10 – 14, 2023 as "*Summer Learning Week*"; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I enthusiastically endorse *Summer Learning Week* and commit our community to engage in innovative summer programs and activities that ensure the continued success of our children during the summer and thereafter.

## **SAMPLE PROCLAMATION FOR ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

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### **Summer Learning Week: A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, **[Name of Organization, Institution or Location]** stand firmly committed to quality summer programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills as well as stem summer learning loss.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive during the summer and receive nutritious summer meals.
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **[Name of Organization, Institution or Official]** urges the citizens of **[Name of Community or County]** to ensure that every child has access to a safe, engaging place to go during summer; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this **[Title of Official]** enthusiastically endorses *Summer Learning Week* and is committed to innovative summer programs and activities that ensure the continued success of our children during the summer and thereafter.