

WHEREAS, the citizens of Davie stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs because they:

*Provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our children, which boosts their academic achievement.

*Support working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.

*Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people and encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Dei Lutheran Academy 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 a critical link to helping our children, become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!* a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 10th, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie, call on the citizens of Davie on October 10, 2002 to assure that every child has access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool; and further that this proclamation enthusiastically endorses *Lights On Afterschool!* and commits our community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure that children are safe and productive when the school day ends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of **October, 2002**.

Harry Venis, Mayor