

CITY OF CALISTOGA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Calistoga stand 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 day 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; and*
- ◆ *Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and*

WHEREAS, the Calistoga Boys & Girls Club, the Calistoga Community Learning Center Think Tank Program, the Calistoga Joint Unified School District's Daycare Program at the Calistoga Elementary School and the 8th Period Homework Center at the Calistoga Junior High School, and the Calistoga Teen Center at the Monhoff Building provide 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, "Lights On After School" a national celebration of after-school programs on October 16, 2008 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 14.3 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that on behalf of the Calistoga City Council, I, Jack Gingles, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2008, as "Lights On After-school! Day" in the City of Calistoga; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the City of Calistoga enthusiastically endorses "Lights On After-school! "; and supports all of our after-school programs and activities to insure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.*

Signed and sealed, this first day of October, in the year Two Thousand and Eight.

Mr. Jack Gingles, Mayor