

## Proclamation

Celebrating April 19-23, 2021, as Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, Garden Grove residents benefit with access to afterschool programs that are well attended, which is a testament in the value placed with those who work with children and youth in a wide variety of program settings to provide extended learning opportunities during out-of-school hours resulting in a positive effect on our children, families, community and businesses;

WHEREAS, afterschool professionals are a decisive element for our children's access to high-quality relationships and expanded opportunities beyond school and home environments that significantly impacts the ability for reaching full potential;

WHEREAS, afterschool professionals deserve appreciation for all that they do for children to enhance their education, promote physical and emotional health, provide a safe environment and expose them to new experiences; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove is committed to supporting the professionals who provide expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that April 19-23, 2021, as Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week in Garden Grove in recognition of all of the efforts from afterschool professionals working with our children by instilling a sense of belonging to a larger community with shared goals for making life better for the children they serve.