## NORTH DAKOTA

## = PROCLAMATION ===

## APRIL 9, 2025

WHEREAS, the basis for the continuity of any society is education; and in North Dakota the education of our youth is a priority; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve its highest goals, education must not only impart knowledge but also teach the students how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a global spiritual leader, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop their full potential in making the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global peace; and

WHEREAS, April 9, 2025, will mark 123 years since the Rebbe's birth, and marks the 75th anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement; and

WHEREAS, "Chabad" is an acronym of three Hebrew words for "wisdom, understanding and knowledge"; and the name "Lubavitch," which means city of love, comes from the city which served as the movement's headquarters for over a century; and of all the ethical values which inform our civilization, none is more important than love — love of wisdom, love of our fellow man and love of our Creator; and these values, rooted in the Seven Noahide Laws, have guided the Chabad-Lubavitch movement throughout its history, and are the essence of education at its best; and

WHEREAS, "Education & Sharing Day" is observed each year on the Rebbe's birthday in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 9, 2025, EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY in the State of North Dakota.

Kelly Armstrong

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE