

EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

APRIL 5, 2020

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and in the great state of North Dakota we seek the betterment of all citizens and look to instill each child and adolescent with a good education; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson was a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind and was a tireless advocate for youth around the world, emphasizing the importance of education and good character and instilling the hope for a brighter future into countless people in America and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, with the world in a state of upheaval due to Covid-19, and uncertainty permeating the lives of people in every state and country, the necessity of fostering moral and ethical values including charity and kindness is now more vital than ever; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, but must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe dedicated his life and leadership to unify all of society in anticipation and preparation for the era of true peace and harmony, when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and no nation shall lift a sword against a nation," and tirelessly demonstrated that by individually taking this responsibility, it is within our reach to personally experience this; and this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Rebbe's leadership of the global Chabad Lubavitch movement since 1950; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has recognized the important role the Rebbe and his teaching play in the moral education of our youth, and established "Education Day, USA" to honor these enduring contributions, and the President of the United States has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education and Sharing Day USA."

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 5, 2020, EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY in the State of North Dakota.



Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger SECRETARY OF STATE