

PROCLAMATION **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** APRIL 16, 2019

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 our citizens and look to instill each child and adolescent with a good education; and

WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons on literacy, math and science; 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 hope for a brighter future into countless people in America and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, or simply "to make a better living," and we must think in terms of a "better living" both for the individual and for society as a whole, and that the educational system must pay more attention to the building of character, with emphasis on moral and ethical values that are the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's lasting contributions to world education, morality and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and the President of the United States has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion; by instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our State.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 16, 2019, **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** in the State of North Dakota.

Doug Burgum Governor

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State