

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and

WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons in literacy, math and science; and

WHEREAS, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of education; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe was a tireless advocate for youth around the world, he emphasized the importance of education and good character and instilled the hope for a brighter future in the lives of countless people in America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career but rather in terms of a "better living" not only for the individual but also for society as a whole, and that the educational system must therefore pay more attention to the building of character, with an emphasis on moral and ethical values; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in education, morality and acts of charity throughout the world, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, Chabad Lubavitch of Idaho was established in Boise at the behest of the Rebbe to promote education of all the citizens of Idaho, and has been serving the needs of the state for 14 years and recently opened a new Chabad Jewish Center in Boise, Idaho, enabling it to further its educational mission; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has recognized the Rebbe's vision each year by proclaiming "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a greater cause and instilling a spirit of service in our children, creating a more optimistic future for them and our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2018 to be

EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

in Idaho.



LAWERENCE DENNEY SECRETARY OF STATE IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR