

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state and in the great state of Iowa 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, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind, provided a shining example of what education ought to be for all people; and
- WHEREAS, the Rebbe 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, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, or, in common parlance, "to make a better living," and we must think in terms of a 'better living' not only for the individual, but also for the society as a whole, and that the educational system must, therefore, pay more attention to the building of character with emphasis on moral and ethical values; and
- WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and to strengthen the education of our children; 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, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim March 27 – 31, 2018, as

EDUCATION AND SHARING WEEK

in the State of Iowa and encourage citizens to reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter and more hopeful future for all.

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PAUL PATE SECRETARY OF STATE IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 28 DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO

KIM NEYNOLDS