Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state, and in the great state of South 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, Our future is written in our classrooms, and on Education and Sharing Day, and we reaffirm our belief that no matter who they are, where they come from, or what they look like, every child deserves an education that will help them develop their unique talents and passions, dream beyond their present circumstances, and unlock their greatest potential; and,

Whereas, As Rabbi Menachem Schneerson taught, education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, or, in common parlance, but should 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, indeed the main attention, to the building of character, with emphasis on moral and ethical values; 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, therefore, by instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our state:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2017, as

EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State