

WHEREAS,

Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state. In the Great State of Nebraska 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 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 Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, and instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of 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," but also to achieve a "better living" not for the society as a whole, which is accomplished when students achieve a character rich in moral and ethical values, and that the educational system must, therefore, pay more attention, indeed the main attention, to the building of character; and

WHEREAS,

In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and 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 strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS.

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";

WHEREAS,

Through focusing on education we will strengthen the commitment of our students to academia, as well as our teachers' commitment to teaching.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 27th day of March, 2018 as

## EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

Secretary of State

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