

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and in the great state of Washington, we seek the advancement of our residents and look to provide each child and adolescent with a good education; and

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

WHEREAS, one of the spiritual giants of our time and our nation, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, dedicated his life to the promotion of education as the cornerstone of humanity 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, but to building character, with an emphasis on the moral and ethical values that are the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the seven principles of Noahide Code; which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights, 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 strength the education of our children,

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, 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, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 27, 2018, to be

Education and Sharing Day

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to reach out to young people to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

Signed this 22nd day of March, 2018

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee

