



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Education and Sharing Day is celebrated on the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, in honor of his devotion to education; and

**WHEREAS**, education is vital to the success of our Commonwealth and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia aims to educate students in the fundamental knowledge and academic subjects that they need to be capable, responsible, and self-reliant citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rebbe stated that you should educate through love, because without love, education is "at best incomplete and at worst, destructive"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rebbe believed that character and education were two vital pillars that offered critical guidance to our youth to be conscientious adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the 95<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States passed a joint resolution celebrating April 18, 1978, as Education Day, U.S.A., in honor of the Rebbe's birthday and his commitment to the advancement of education; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after his death, the 103<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the United States awarded Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson the Congressional Gold Medal in "recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward world education, morality, and acts of charity"; and

**WHEREAS**, Education and Sharing Day serves as an opportunity to honor the memory of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, and recognize the importance of education for our youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 27, 2018, as **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



*Ralph S. Northam*  
Governor

*Kelly Thomas*  
Secretary of the Commonwealth