



**WHEREAS**, education is essential to putting our children on the path to good jobs and a decent living; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to remain competitive into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the state will need to equip the next generation's children with the education and skills demanded by a modern economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, learning is a lifelong practice, not confined solely to the classroom. In every action, whether at work, play, or rest, it is our task as parents, teachers, and mentors to make sure our children grow up practicing the values we preach; and,

**WHEREAS**, we have a solemn obligation to pass on values that we hold dear, such as independence, honesty, discipline, compassion, drive, and courage. We must be ever mindful that we are on a continuing path toward a more perfect union, and that much remains to be done to fulfill the concept of equality for all; and,

**WHEREAS**, we recall the memory of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who worked to teach generations of young men and women the value of education and strong character; and,

**WHEREAS**, his work deepened ties among people the world around, and his legacy inspires the service, charity, and goodwill he championed in life; and,

**WHEREAS**, as we take this opportunity to reflect on the example he and so many others have set, let each of us strive to better realize the values we share;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2017, as **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** in Illinois.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Dee Dee White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*

*this* THIRD *day of* APRIL, *in*

*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*

SEVENTEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*

*one hundred and* NINETY-NINTH.

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR