



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, this year marks a significant milestone as Jews around the world celebrate the 116th birthday of a respected religious leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson; and

Whereas, throughout his more than 44 years of dedicated service and tireless work, Rabbi Schneerson established over 1,500 Lubavitch Centers around the world; and

Whereas, a remarkable and holy man who inspired millions of Jews and influenced the face of modern Judaism, the Rebbe helped strengthen the spiritual, educational, cultural and moral fiber of countless people; and

Whereas, providing an example through his own good deeds, Rabbi Schneerson called upon Jews and non-Jews alike to make a greater commitment to acts of humanity, kindness and charity, and to show greater devotion in all matters "between man and G-d" and "between man and man"; and

Whereas, New York is a renowned champion of causes that promote responsible service to humankind, and as the Lubavitch movement has made its world headquarters in New York City since 1940, our state is proud to serve in this meaningful capacity for the Jewish community for the last 78 years; and

Whereas, today, as Lubavitch Centers around the globe offer prayers for all mankind, we pause to reflect upon the lessons taught by Rabbi Schneerson and their enduring value;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim official recognition from Tuesday March 27, 2018, corresponding to 11 Nissan, 5778, the Rebbe's 116th birthday, to Saturday, July 21, 2018 corresponding to 9 Av, 5778 as

116 DAYS OF EDUCATION

in the Empire State, as a tribute to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-first
day of March in the year two thousand eighteen.



Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa