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Greetings,

As you prepare to observe the nationally recognized Education and Sharing Day on March 27, 2018, I would like to join in commemorating the lasting impact the Rebbe made on our nation, the State of Maine and the vision of education he championed.

Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state. In the great State of Maine, we seek the betterment of our citizens and look to instill each child and adolescent with a good education. Education develops the intellect through lessons on literacy, math, and science and prepares our students for future responsibilities and opportunities.

The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind, provided a shining example of what education ought to be for all people. The Rebbe was a tireless advocate for youth, emphasizing the importance of education and good character and instilling hope for a brighter future into countless people in America and across the globe. This is evidenced by his establishment of more than 5,000 educational and social institutions in all 50 states and throughout the world.


The Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career or to make a better living. The educational system must pay more attention to the building of character, with emphasis on moral and ethical values that are the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws.

In recognition of the Rebbe's 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. 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."

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.

I join in the call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

Sincerely,


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