

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our state and our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education encourages the adoption of ideals and ethics that equip and unite us in working toward a brighter future; and*

*WHEREAS, education blends the nurturing of the heart and mind, and the building of character through lessons on honesty, tolerance, and citizenship, in addition to developing intellect through instruction on language, math, and science; and*

*WHEREAS, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, dedicated his life to the promotion of education as the cornerstone of humanity. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, The Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, through the establishment of over 5,000 educational and social institutions in all 50 states and in 80 countries on six continents; and*

*WHEREAS, over the last four decades, the US Congress has set aside "Education and Sharing Day" and is proclaimed annually by presiding US presidents, on the anniversary of the Rebbe's birth, in honor of his commitment to teach the next generation of Americans values that make our country strong. This day provides Americans the opportunity to pause and recognize our responsibility to ensure that young people have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment; and*

*WHEREAS, Chabad Lubavitch is today the largest Jewish outreach and educational provider in Colorado with multiple independent centers in Aspen, Aurora, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver-Cherry Creek, Hilltop, South Denver, Stapleton, Ft. Collins, Lone Tree, Longmont, Vail, and Westminster; and*

*WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than ourselves and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion;*

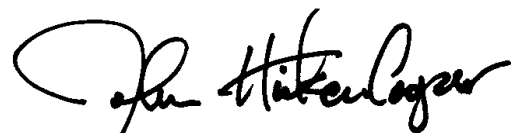
*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, April 7, 2017, as*

### **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this seventh day of April,  
2017*



  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor