

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state, and 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 must blend the nurturing of the heart and mind, character building through lessons of honesty, tolerance, and citizenship, and intellectual development through lessons on language, math, and science; and

WHEREAS, one of the spiritual giants of our time and our nation, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, dedicated his life to the promotion of education as the cornerstone of humanity, and as a tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character through the establishment of over 5000 educational and social institutions in all 50 states of the USA and in 80 countries on six continents; and

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

WHEREAS, over the last five decades, the Rebbe took special interest in promoting education and tolerance and preserving Jewish life and culture in the state of Washington, and in 1972, Rabbi Shalom Ber and Chana Levitin were appointed by the Rebbe to establish Chabad-Lubavitch of the Pacific Northwest and serve as his representatives in The Evergreen State; and

WHEREAS, Chabad-Lubavitch of the Pacific Northwest has developed 22 centers for Jewish outreach, education and humanitarian aid throughout Washington State and dozens more throughout the Pacific-Northwest region, providing the people in Washington with an educational center committed to empowering young people and inspiring individuals of all ages;

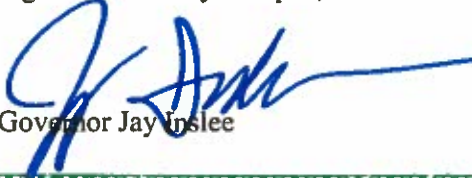
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 7, 2017, to be

Education and Sharing Day, Washington

and I encourage all people in our state to reach out to young people and to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.



Signed this 5th day of April, 2017


Governor Jay Inslee