



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and in the great state of Missouri we seek the betterment of our citizens, and look to prepare our young people for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future and to provide them with an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, and touched the lives of countless people in America and across the globe, instilling within them the hope for a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, or, in common parlance, "to make a better living," but that we must think in terms of a "better living" not only for the individual but also for the society and mankind as a whole, and that a sound educational system must, therefore, direct greater attention to the building of character, with an emphasis on moral and ethical values; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and 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 youth; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than themselves and by the virtues of courage and compassion, and by instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and for our State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2017, to be

EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 30th day of March, 2017.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcraft in black ink.

Secretary of State