## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the basis for the continuity of any society is education, and in Vermont the education

of our youth is priority; and

WHEREAS, for communities to achieve their highest goals, education must not only impart

knowledge but also teach students how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as a

whole; and

**WHEREAS,** a global spiritual leader, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous

memory, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to

develop their full potential in making the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a

single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global

peace; and

WHEREAS, April 19, 2024 will mark 122 years since the Rebbe's birth, and this year begins the celebrations of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch

movement. "Chabad" is an acronym for three Hebrew words for "wisdom, understanding, and knowledge." The name "Lubavitch" comes from the city which served as the movement's headquarters for over a century and means city of love. Of all the ethical values which inform our civilization, none is more important than love – love of wisdom, love of our fellowman, and love of our Creator. These values, rooted in the Seven Noahide Laws, have guided the Chabad-Lubavitch movement

throughout its history, and are the essence of education at its best, and we should be

certain to pass this precious heritage to all young Americans; and

WHEREAS, "Education and Sharing Day" is observed each year on the Rebbe's birthday in

recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives

rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, as

**EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** 

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

ermont on this 10th day of April, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Brittney **W**ilson Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs