City of Albany Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY April 12, 2022

WHEREAS, a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our state, our country, and our society at large, and in Albany we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

WHEREAS, we presently battle a global pandemic which has disrupted traditional models of education across our nation, while concurrently motivating a focus on the stronger core values we wish to impart to children and adults, beyond academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve its highest goals, education must be more than just a training in facts and figures, or even in basic skills, as important as they are. It must also include instruction in the ethical values of our civilization; 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 make a major impact in this world; and

WHEREAS, one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation of strong moral values; and

WHEREAS, April 12, 2022, will mark 120 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across these United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 the United States Congress established Education and Sharing Day on the Rebbe's birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Albany proclaims Tuesday, April 12, 2022, to be: EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, and calls upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within your communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR

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