

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** Excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our city; and in Eugene we seek the betterment of our citizens, and look to instill each child and adolescent with a good education; and
- WHEREAS:** By preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons in literacy, math, and science; 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 instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe; and
- WHEREAS:** The Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and
- WHEREAS:** The educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws, which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights; 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 strength the education of our children.
- 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",
- WHEREAS:** The character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our State

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2019, to be:**

***"Education and Sharing Day, Eugene"***

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



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*April 5, 2019*