

**PROCLAMATION
EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY USA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021**

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 the City of Troy we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

WHEREAS, Through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder and more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; 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, In recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, For more than forty years, the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "**Education & Sharing Day USA**;" 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, We can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can make a major impact in this world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council proclaims Wednesday, March 24, 2021 as **Education and Sharing Day** in the City of Troy, and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers, and citizens to reach out to those within our communities and work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council encourages all residents to raise awareness about the importance of education in our lives and pay special tribute to the family members, educators, mentors, clergy members, and other community leaders who invest in the lives of our Nation's youth through education and fostering kindness and caring for one another.

Presented this 22nd day of March 2021.