

## Proclamation

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 Renton community we strive for the betterment of all through education and sharing; and

Whereas, by providing opportunities for an excellent education for all, especially children, 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, 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, this current global pandemic has disrupted traditional models of education across our nation, while also motivating a focus on core values beyond academic achievement; and

Whereas, we can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, knowing that even a single positive act can make a major impact in this world;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2022, to be

## Education and Sharing Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all 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.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 11th day of April, 2022.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington