



## A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of Education and Sharing Day - April 19, 2024

- Whereas, the basis for the continuity of any society is education; and in the great city of Smyrna the education of our youth is a priority; and
- Whereas, in order to achieve its highest goals, education must not only impart knowledge but also teach the 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; imparting moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society since the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws; and
- Whereas, a global spiritual leader and leading advocate for the advancement of education, 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, "Education & 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; and
- Whereas, April 19, 2024, will mark 122 years since the Rebbe's birth, and this year begins the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. "Chabad" is an acronym of 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 on this precious heritage to all young Americans; NOW
- Therefore: I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 19, 2024, to be **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY** in the City of Smyrna and call upon everyone to work together to create a better, brighter, and more promising future for all.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 8th day of April in the year of Our Lord 2024.*

*Derek Norton*

Mayor

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