

# proclamation

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## Education and Sharing Day | April 19, 2024

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

**WHEREAS**, through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder, more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory (Rebbe), one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the teaching 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 recognized his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, April 19, 2024, will mark 122 years since the Rebbe's birth, and we encourage the residents and guests of Winter Park to reach out to those in the community, and work to create a better, brighter and more hopeful future for all; and

**WHEREAS**, this year has an added significance as a year of "Hakhel," a biblical event of unity, education and spiritual growth emphasizing how every person is crucial to perfecting the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 19, 2024**, to be "Education and Sharing Day" in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Sheila DeCiccio  
Mayor