



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, at the heart of the American dream lies a vision of a world where all can live in peace and brotherhood. That noble goal is predicated on humanity that is ethical and moral in thought and practice. This makes clear the importance of the tradition of ethical values and principles upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, these values and principles have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, and were known as the Seven Noahide Laws; and

WHEREAS, today we are profoundly concerned with the breaches these principles have suffered resulting in the weakening of the fabric of civilized society; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate that we recognize the remarkable efforts of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, to promote the idea that education is incomplete if it is devoid of moral underpinnings. He urged the use of values-based education to lead the next generation closer to that American Dream; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is committed to ensuring that an education is within reach for everyone. The people of Alabama value the critical role of family, school, community and religious and civic institutions to instill in our children these timeless values; and

WHEREAS, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement has fostered and promoted these ethical values and principles throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, is universally respected and revered, and what would be his 116th birthday falls on March 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1978, our nation's first Education Day, U.S.A., Rabbi Schneerson wrote, "we can neither be satisfied nor slacken our efforts so long as there is still one child that does not receive an adequate education." These words inspire us today, as they did then, to empower our children and share with each of them the opportunity and promise of America. It is up to us to support our children in realizing their hopes and to encourage them to reach their fullest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2018, as

Education and Sharing Day

in the State of Alabama and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers and all the people of the State of Alabama to use this day in contemplation and practice of the Seven Universal Noahide Laws, by focusing on education, charity and acts of kindness.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the
City of Montgomery on the 26th day of March 2018.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor