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Resolution recognizing April 19 as Education and Sharing Day in Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

## **EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY**

was officially recognized in Milwaukee and across the United States on April 19, 2024, in honor of the 122<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson and his work to promote education, morality, charity, and justice as leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement; and

WHEREAS, Education and Sharing Day was proclaimed in honor of the "Rebbe," Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who, born in Ukraine in 1902, fled Europe in the early 1940s to escape persecution, and upon settling in the United States, helped hundreds overcome the horrors of the Holocaust through faith, and as a notable scholar and teacher, inspired others throughout the world to build schools and embrace education as a means of self-improvement and justice; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rebbe's leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, a movement within the Jewish faith dedicated to the virtues of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and love, and which lay at the heart of the Rebbe's vision for education; and

WHEREAS, Education and Sharing Day is observed each year on the Rebbe's birthday to celebrate his inspiring legacy and momentous impact on improving education, morality, and charity throughout the world, as well as to recognize and appreciate the ability of education to empower individuals to reach their highest potentials and cultivate a sense of goodness, character, justice, and unity with others; and

**WHEREAS**, As this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rebbe's passing, the City of Milwaukee, alongside other municipalities and the entire nation, wish to honor the Rebbe's life and legacy through a renewed commitment to the values of education, knowledge, and love; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes April 19, 2024, as Education and Sharing Day, celebrates the many contributions of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson to education, and extends its appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee to this important and inspiring leader; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rabbi Yisroel Shmotkin.

Introduced by Common Council members Jonathan Brostoff, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, and Russel W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 21, 2024.