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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** David Wolbrecht, Communications Program Manager  
**Date:** March 24, 2022  
**Subject:** Education and Sharing Day Proclamation

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor proclaim April 12, 2022, as Education and Sharing Day in the City of Kirkland. A signed original version of this proclamation will be sent to the requesting party and a link to the proclamation will be included in This Week In Kirkland following the Council meeting on April 5, 2022.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Education and Sharing Day was first proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter in 1978 in response to a Joint Resolution of Congress. In the original proclamation, President Carter wrote, "Congress of the United States concluded its deliberations on a joint resolution which recognized the need for this Nation to set aside a special day devoted to recognizing the importance of education in the lives of our citizens.... I am honored to join with the House of Representatives and the Senate in recognizing this need and privileged to comply with their request." Education and Sharing Day USA has been proclaimed by the President of the United States for more than forty years.

In addition to the more general call for the importance of education, this day also honors Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whom many call the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The Rebbe was a leader in education and was awarded both the National Scroll of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his enduring contributions toward world education. He spearheaded an international movement known as Chabad Lubavitch which has established thousands of educational centers around the globe.

By proclaiming April 12 as Education and Sharing Day in Kirkland, the City encourages the community to support our students of all ages in their pursuit of learning, to honor one another, and to foster individual and collective growth towards a stronger community.



# A Proclamation of the City of Kirkland

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## Proclaiming April 12, 2022, as "Education and Sharing Day" in Kirkland

**WHEREAS**, a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our community and society at large, and through providing the possibility of 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, of righteous memory, 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 inclusion 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 by proclaiming "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Education and Sharing Day offers an opportunity for our community to acknowledge the unique purpose each person has and to strengthen our support of education as a means by which individuals may develop their gifts and realize their potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Penny Sweet, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 12 as Education and Sharing Day in Kirkland, and encourage the Kirkland community to support our students of all ages in their pursuit of learning, to honor one another, and to foster individual and collective growth towards a stronger community.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

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Penny Sweet, Mayor