



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING RABBI MENACHEM SCHNEERSON AND EDUCATION & SHARING DAY USA

**WHEREAS**, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, and instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe, and

**WHEREAS**, the Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and

**WHEREAS**, the educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws, which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children,

**WHEREAS**, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our county, and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on April 16 by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County encourages the citizens of Cook County to reach out to young people to work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all on the Federally Proclaimed EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY, Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the Rabbi Meir Shimon Moscovitz, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.