



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FRANK CAMPION**

PROCLAMATION

“EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY”

March 24, 2021

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- WHEREAS,** a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our province, country, and society at large; and in the City of Welland, we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and
- WHEREAS,** through providing access to an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, 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, 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 inculcation 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 honoured the Rebbe’s vision each year on that day by proclaiming it “Education and Sharing Day USA”; and
- WHEREAS,** we presently battle a global pandemic, which has disrupted traditional models of education across our nation, while concurrently motivating a focus on the stronger core values we wish to impart to children and adults, beyond academic achievement; and
- WHEREAS,** Education and Sharing Day is another opportunity to reflect on the lasting contributions made by individuals who are committed to strengthening citizenship by advancing education; and
- WHEREAS,** we can nurture the unity of diverse people through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with awareness that even a single positive act can make a major and positive impact to this world; and
- WHEREAS,** Welland is home to an active, engaged and thriving faith community. Rabbi Zalman Zaltman of Chabad Niagara wrote on behalf of Chabad Lubavirch of Southern Ontario to the Welland Mayor’s Office to raise further awareness about “Education and Sharing Day: and

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT**, the City of Welland proclaim March 24, 2021 as Education and Sharing Day in the City of Welland; and
2. **THAT**, this proclamation recurs yearly on the appropriate day as it relates to each calendar year; and
3. **THAT**, the City's Corporate and Strategic Communication Department promote this and future Education and Sharing Day proclamations on the City's corporate communication channels.

NOW THEREFORE I, FRANK CAMPION, Mayor of the City of Welland

do hereby proclaim March 24, 2021 as

"EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY"

within the limits of the City of Welland.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Welland to be affixed.

Mayor's Office
March, 2021


Frank Campion
Mayor

