

WHEREAS, the basis for the continuity of any society is education; and in the great state of Florida, and City of Coral Gables, the education of our youth is a priority; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve its highest goals, education must not only impart knowledge but also teach the students how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a global spiritual leader, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop their full potential in making the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global peace; and

WHEREAS, April 19, 2024, will mark 122 years since the Rebbe's birth, and this year begins the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of his leadership of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. "Chabad" is an acronym of three Hebrew words for "wisdom, understanding and knowledge." The name "Lubavitch" comes from the city which served as the movement's headquarters for over a century and means city of love. Of all the ethical values which inform our civilization, none is more important than love - love of wisdom, love of our fellowman, and love of our Creator. These values, have guided the Chabad-Lubavitch movement throughout its history, and are the essence of education at its best, and we should be certain to pass on this precious heritage to all young Americans; and

WHEREAS, "Education & Sharing Day" is observed each year on the Rebbe's birthday in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works;

NOW, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proudly proclaim April 19, 2024, as:

“EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I do hereby encourage all the citizens, teachers, volunteers, and leaders of our "City Beautiful" to observe said day in a manner that reflects their commitment to the well-being of the children in our Coral Gables community, strengthening our resolve to provide every child with the best possible education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this sixteenth day of April, A.D., 2024.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
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Melissa Castro
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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