## **Proclamation**

## **Education and Sharing Day**

WHEREAS a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our Province, our Country, and our society at large; and in the City of St. John's, we strive for the betterment of all our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

WHEREAS through providing the possibility of 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 honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education & 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 we can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can make a major impact in this world; and

THEREFORE, I, Danny Breen, hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 12, 2022 as Education and Sharing Day.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Danny Breen, Mayor

