## The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of declaring April 16, 2019 "Education & Sharing Day" in Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2019/128

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our Country, and in Contra Costa County we seek to instill in each child and young person a good education and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, good education develops the whole child or whole person, through lessons on language, arts, math, science, technology, health and ethics; and

WHEREAS, The Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, a Russian-born American orthodox Jew who died in 1994 and was considered one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century, dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind and improving education; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schneerson taught that education shouldn't be limited to the acquisition of personal knowledge and preparation for a career, but also for improving society as a whole or the betterment of society, and therefore encompass building character, with emphasis on the development of moral and ethical values, which are a bedrock of society; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress in 1978 established "Education & Sharing Day" as an annual commemoration of the values, beliefs and achievements of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Rabbi Schneerson was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his "outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby declare April 16, 2019, as "Education & Sharing Day" in Contra Costa County in honor of the educational mission of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, and call on educators, volunteers and citizens to reach out to young people to support their educational growth, development and potential.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 16th day of April, 2019.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN** 

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: April 16, 2019

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanie Wello, Deputy