

## Proclamation

## Education and Sharing Day April ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2023$

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 HRM 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, 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; 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, April 2, 2023 will mark 121 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance, and leadership; and

WHEREAS in April 1987, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision by signing a Scroll of Honor on behalf of all Canadian citizens, marking the Rebbe's 85th birthday; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim April $2^{\text {nd }}, 2023$ as "Education and Sharing Day" in the Halifax Regional Municipality

