

**RESOLUTION NO. 282 -2020, DESIGNATING APRIL 5, 2020
AS "EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY" IN SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our County with the County working to better its citizenry and instill each child and adolescent with a good education; and

WHEREAS, by preparing students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education develops the intellect through lessons in literacy, math and science; and

WHEREAS, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, Rabbi Schneerson emphasized the importance of education and good character and instilled the hope of a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schneerson taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Schneerson taught that 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, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Law, which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality and act of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has paid recognition to Rabbi Schneerson's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education and Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than one's self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in the County's youth, we create a more optimistic future for them and our County; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to designate April 5, 2020 as "Education and Sharing Day" in Suffolk County to highlight the important need to focus and refocus efforts on better education for all who reside in Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that April 5, 2020 is hereby designated as "Education and Sharing Day" in Suffolk County and call upon government officials, educators, volunteers and citizens to

reach out to young people and work to create a better, brighter and more hopeful future for all; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 17, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 17, 2020