

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, excellence in education is vital to the success of our nation and our state; and

WHEREAS, by preparing our students for the responsibilities and opportunities of the future, education encourages the adoption of ideals and ethics that equip and unite us in working toward a bright future; and

WHEREAS, education must blend the nurturing of the heart and mind, building character through lessons on honesty, integrity, tolerance, and citizenship, in addition to developing intellect and becoming career-ready through lessons on history, language, science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM), career and technical education (CTE), the arts, and other essential subject matters; and

WHEREAS, over the last four decades, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have annually designated Education and Sharing Day to recognize education as the cornerstone of humanity and the importance of teaching the next generation of Americans the values that have always made our nation strong; and

WHEREAS, this day provides a valuable opportunity to pause and recognize the outstanding example of Alaska's faith community, education leaders, private and nonprofit organizations, community members and all Alaskans who give of themselves to ensure that our young people have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in character, purpose, and fulfillment; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2017 as:

Education and Sharing Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to pursue education and service, and to give of themselves to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all.

Dated: April 5, 2017



A blue ink signature of Bill Walker.

Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.