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Senator Shelley Hughes  
Representative Harriet Drummond  
c/o the Alaska State Legislature  
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Via [sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov)  
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**RE: Endorsement and Support: Education and Sharing Day, Alaska**

Dear Senator Hughes and Representative Drummond:

Please accept my gratitude for your efforts on behalf of an Education and Sharing Day for Alaska. I presently serve as a Tribal Judge for Alaska Native communities throughout Alaska, sitting most often in the communities of Sitka and St. Paul Island, Alaska. It is evident in my every-day work, particularly in the field of Family Law, the essential importance of excellence in education. By this statement, I mean much more than top shelf grammar and mathematics for our children, but also the importance of common values like gratitude, service to others, accountability, continuous growth in knowledge, and deeds of kindness. As a tribal judge, father, and community member, I sincerely believe that celebrating the values of Education and Sharing Day in Alaska will inure to our benefit as a State and a Nation for the generations to come.

I am heartened by your choice of the birthday of the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson (Of Blessed Memory) as the date to commemorate Education and Sharing Day, Alaska. The Rebbe stretched every moment of his life promoting excellence in education as evidenced by his thousands of community educational initiatives in the United States and the World. The Rebbe's body of work embodies positivity in the face of challenge, never-ceasing quest for knowledge, and deeds of goodness and kindness to others. Thank you again for your efforts in this regard.

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With Esteem and Blessings of Success,

JUDGE DAVID AVRAHAM VOLUCK



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Sen. Hughes, Ms. Schultz and colleagues,

I fully support Alaska Education and Sharing Day, as it recognizes that excellence in education in all the arts and sciences, history, technical education, grounded in ethics, personal integrity, courage and tolerance, is crucial to our society by developing the minds and hearts of our youth, to become better citizens.

By giving our young people the opportunity to develop intellect and character, curiosity and compassion, we commit ourselves to improving our society and bettering the lives of all.

Sincerely,  
Carole Jaffa  
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Moose Pass, Alaska

February 24, 2018

My husband and I support the passage of SCR 15 AS WE BELIEVE IT WILL PUT A FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MORALITY AND FAMILY VALUES. Thank you.

Donna Austin  
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February 6, 2018

Dear Senator Shelley Hughes,

To the Alaska Senate:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being an instrumental part of bringing Education and Sharing Day to Alaska. This day is the perfect way to honor Rabbi M. Schneersohn, who dedicated so much of his life to bringing his vision of an ethical education to all humanity.

Living in Alaska provides me with a unique opportunity to experience what it means to be an integral part of a society. The pioneering spirit lends itself to unifying our community and working together to succeed. One of the tenants of Judaism is kindness and compassion. As part of my work in social services, I see how much of a role these values play in our communities, and I believe in the importance of making these values an essential part of educating the next generation.

Thank you for working to shine a spotlight on an important day.

Yours respectfully,

Hillary Saffran  
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February 23, 2018

I am writing to support the passage of SCR15 which allows the teachers to address family values and morality in the classroom. I think this is needed as part of a well rounded education. Thank you.

Janet Luce  
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Dear Senator Hughes

Thank you for your time in considering your endorsement of Bill SCR 15.

This bill helps to create a better Alaska by focusing on education and reflection. Morals and ethics should be emphasized in education to create better citizens and to teach younger Alaskans the importance of good character. Educating younger generations about morals and ethics means better American citizens and better communities in Alaska.

I request your serious review and endorsement of this meaningful resolution. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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February 23, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for supporting "Education and Sharing Day, Alaska." This resolution is important because it will help Alaskans learn about compassion, giving, and kindness—essential values for positive role models and healthy communities.

As an Alaskan Native from Bristol Bay and St. Lawrence Island, I support this resolution because it aligns with my personal and cultural beliefs. I believe our communities will improve by reflecting on compassion, ways to give back to the community, and kindness for oneself and others. It's vital for the next generation of Alaskans to learn the importance of these values because it's what will change the future of our communities.

Thanks again for working towards a better Alaska.

Kind regards,

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February 24, 2018

Dear Representative Drummond & Senator Hughes,

Thank you for your time in considering Bill HCR 21 and SCR 15, which recognizes that education isn't just used for career advancement or monetary gains, but to build character by teaching morals and ethics in Alaska and all over the world.

This is important for Alaskan youth to recognize and reflect on "Education and Sharing Day, Alaska" because it's easy to fall into the pattern of stealing, drug abuse, and other crimes that communities are currently experiencing. The next generation should reflect on these behaviors and consider their individual morals and ethics to build upon.

Thank you for considering "Education and Sharing Day, Alaska." It truly means a lot for the Great State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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