

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Borough of Watchung stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Watchung has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, ground in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, NJEA's *Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2010, which would have been the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

**WHEREAS**, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Educational Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Watchung calls on the citizens of Watchung to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this body enthusiastically endorses NJEA's *Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Date: March 11, 2010

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Albert S. Ellis, Mayor