

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington Township 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 Washington Township Committee has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's *Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2012, which would have been the 108th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, 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 Township Committee calls on the citizens of Washington Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2012;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA'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.

This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This resolution designates March 2, 2012 as Read Across America Day.



Michael A. Kovacs, Mayor