

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

PROCLAMATION

Read Across America - NJ

March 2, 2011

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Ocean 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 Township of Ocean 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, 2011, which would have been the 107th 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 League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Township Council of the Township of Ocean calls on the citizens of the Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011; and

FURTHER BE IT PROCLAIMED 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.

William F. Larkin
Mayor