



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Read Across America March 2, 2010

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

WHEREAS: The National Education Association's Read Across America, a national of reading on March 2, 2010, which would have been the 106th birthday of Theodor Suess Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, and

WHEREAS: NEA's Red Across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 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 proclaimed on February 16, 2010 that I, Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger and the Middletown Township Committee do hereby call upon all citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2010.

We enthusiastically endorse the NEA's Read Across America and recommit our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Mayor Gerard P. Scharfenberger, Ph.D.