



# PROCLAMATION

## *OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

### **Read Across America**

**March 2, 2009**

**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 celebration of Dr. Seuss's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 2, 2009, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students; now

**THEREFORE:** Be it proclaimed that I, Mayor Pamela M. Brightbill 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, 2009.

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 Pamela M. Brightbill