

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS OF Woodbine stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our young people's future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; as well as their personal enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, elected officials across the state have 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, NEA's *Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading will be conducted on March 2, 2011, which would have been the 107st 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, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students; and

WHEREAS Woodbine is initiating its "Building Better Readers Challenge" program;

NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBINE, PROCLAIM March 2 *National Read Across Woodbine Day*, with that week as *Municipal Reading Week*, and the Month of March as *Read to Someone Special Month*, and

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby call on the citizens of our community to assure that every child is in a safe reading place together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011, and that this become an on-going initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we in Woodbine enthusiastically endorse NEA's *Read Across American* and *Read Across America-NJ* programs, and recommit our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

WILLIAM PIKOLYCKY
MAYOR