



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of New Milford 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 town of New Milford 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**, NJEA's *Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading that culminates this year on March 2, 2018, the day of what would have been the 114<sup>th</sup> 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 to promote reading and adult involvement in education of our community's students:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council calls on the citizens of New Milford to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on the day of March 2nd, 2018;

**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.

*Ann Subrizi*

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Ann Subrizi, Mayor

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Date

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