Recognizing March 2, 2020, as Read Across America Day

Whereas, reading is a basic component of a quality education, a key to professional success, and a source of pleasure throughout life; and

Whereas, literacy is critical to both individual success and the democratic and economic health of the United States; and

Whereas, greater access to reading has enabled generations of students to explore new subjects, make discoveries, and develop into lifelong learners; and

Whereas, more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to designate March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel (commonly known as “Dr. Seuss”), as a day to celebrate reading; and

Whereas, research has proven that children who read and are read to daily do better in school; and

Whereas, in our diverse and complex society, students need books with characters who both represent and differ from them if we are going to create more readers, writers, and people who feel included, recognized, and who understand that the world is far richer than just their own experiences; and

Whereas, access to diverse books encourages personal growth, shared values, and acceptance; and

Whereas, Read Across America Day can help kids enjoy and relate to what they read by linking books and reading to other experiences in their lives;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools recognize March 2, 2020, as Read Across America Day and encourage parents, educators, and communities to read with children to promote a love of reading and opportunities for all children to see themselves reflected in literature.

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