

The City of East Peoria



Proclamation

WHEREAS, from infancy through adulthood, reading enriches the human experience and illuminates the path to learning, opportunity, and success. By sharing the power of books with our children, we make an investment not only in their future, but also in an America that leads the world in educating its people. As we celebrate Read Across America Day in our homes, schools, and libraries, let us recommit to empowering every child with a strong start and a passion for the written word; and

WHEREAS, the journey to literacy begins early and continues throughout childhood. Parents and caregivers can play an essential role in developing fundamental skills by reading aloud regularly, helping children explore new words and concepts, and instilling enthusiasm for language and storytelling. These first lessons help pave the way for a love of reading that can last a lifetime. By working together to give our sons and daughters the tools for achievement, we lay the groundwork for growth and prosperity that will stand the test of time; and

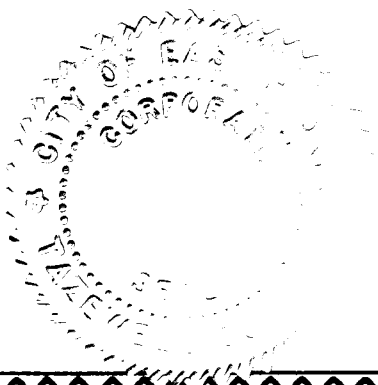
WHEREAS, on Read Across America Day, we also celebrate the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel -- an author whose fanciful wordplay and whimsical tales continue to delight young readers around the world. Dr. Seuss's stories evoke the unlimited potential for imagination and inspiration on the printed page, and they remind us of the countless ways reading enhances our lives. We reaffirm our commitment to raising a generation of avid learners and bringing an outstanding education within reach for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Kahl, Mayor of the City of East Peoria, Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2021, as

Read Across America Day

and call upon children, families, educators, librarians, and public officials to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of East Peoria to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2021.



MAYOR

Morgan R Cadwalader

ATTEST:

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