

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO.: 03-01**

NEA'S READ ACROSS AMERICA

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Springfield 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, City of Springfield has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principal 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 Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 7th, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

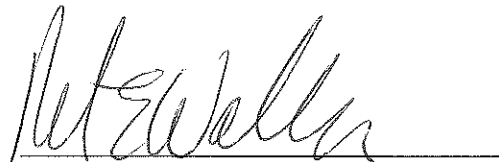
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Springfield calls on the citizens of the City of Springfield to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 7th, 2003;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses "NEA's Read Across America" and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2003 by the Springfield City Commission.

ATTEST:


Rhonda J. Taylor, City Clerk


Robert E. Walker, Mayor