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GOVERNOR, CAT IN THE HAT ENCOURAGE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO READ ACROSS NEW JERSEY

Gov. Christie Whitman today highlighted Dr. Seuss's message, "You can read it in your room, you can read it on a broom, you can read it in a chair, you can read it anywhere," when she proclaimed joined NJEA President Michael Johnson and the Cat in the Hat for a reading of Dr. Seuss's the Cat in the Hat at the Luis Munoz Rivera Elementary School in Trenton. The Governor also proclaimed March 2, the birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, to be "Read Across New Jersey Day."

"Reading is learning. Reading is one of the best ways to strengthen your mind and expand your knowledge," said the Governor. "Today we are urging families to read together - every day if possible. We are urging as many volunteers to go to schools on March 2nd to help us mark Read Across New Jersey Day in the Garden State."

Read Across America-New Jersey is part of a nationwide celebration of reading aimed at encouraging adults to read with children. The Cat in the Hat is visiting Trenton as a part of a whistle stop tour organized by the National Education Association.

Attached are copies of the proclamation signed by Gov. Whitman today and the remarks that she delivered during the ceremony.

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