



## PROCLAMATION

presented to

*Teachers Association of Long Beach*

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*Whereas*, the citizens of Long Beach 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 National Education Association's Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 2, 2007, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students; and

*Whereas*, the Teachers Association of Long Beach has raised money to purchase a book for every classroom of the Long Beach Unified School District to be used in the "Read Across America" celebration on March 2, 2007, thereby providing significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that education investment is key to the community's well-being and long term quality of life; and

*Now, Therefore* I, Mayor Bob Foster and Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske, call on the citizens of Long Beach to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2007. We further endorse "The National Education Association's Read Across America" and encourage our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.



Bob Foster  
MAYOR

Gerrie Schipske  
Councilwoman, Fifth District

Dated: February 20, 2007