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REQUESTING THE OBSERVATION OF READ ACROSS AMERICA, A NATIONAL
CELEBRATION, AND DECLARING MARCH 2, 1998 AS READ ACROSS
AMERICA DAY.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature stands 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, this legislature has provided significant
leadership in the area of community involvement in the
education of our youth, grounded in the principle that
educational investment is key to the state's well-being and
long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America is a national celebration of

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1 Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, sponsored by the national
2 education association, promoting reading and adult involvement
3 in the education of our state's students;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the citizens of New Mexico ensure
6 that every child is in a safe place reading with a caring
7 adult on the evening of March 2, 1998; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislature
9 declare March 2, 1998 as Read Across America day in New
10 Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically
12 endorse Read Across America and recommit itself to engaging in
13 programs and activities to make New Mexico's children the best
14 readers in the world.