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## **CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL**

### **Recognizing Read Across America Day and Reaffirming Boston's Commitment to Literacy**

**WHEREAS**, Read Across America Day promotes the joy and importance of reading for children and families across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, strong literacy skills are foundational to academic achievement, economic opportunity, and lifelong success; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing reading proficiency across Boston Public Schools remains essential to improving educational outcomes and closing opportunity gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries, public libraries, educators, and librarians play a critical role in supporting student literacy and access to books across the City of Boston; and

**WHEREAS**, families are essential partners in supporting children's literacy development and fostering a lifelong love of reading at home and in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, cultivating a culture of reading strengthens families, empowers children, and contributes to stronger communities throughout the City of Boston;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Boston City Council recognizes Read Across America Day and recommits to advancing literacy, supporting educators and libraries, and ensuring that every child in Boston has the opportunity to become a strong and confident reader.

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