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## FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE: 2/24/04 SUPERIOR COURT PARTICIPATES IN READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Over 60 judges, commissioners, and staff of the Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, are participating in the *Read Across America Day* celebration on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. This event, endorsed by the National Education Association, commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Theodor S. Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. *Read Across America Day* was started in 1998 as a way to excite children about reading.

"Readers" from the Superior Court will gather at Franklin Elementary School in San Jose during the lunch hour to read to all kindergartners through sixth-graders enrolled there. Book selections range from many of those made famous by Dr. Seuss to other children's classics. For this event specifically, judges, commissioners, and staff will read to students in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, from books that they have purchased and will be donating to the school for later use by the students.

Dr. Seuss wrote 44 books which have sold over 500 million copies. A formal celebration of his birthday will occur in Springfield, Massachusetts, his hometown.