

*City of Fayetteville
Office of the Mayor*

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *outside the home and the classroom, there are many adults who touch children's lives whether they are family, mentors, neighbors, and/or friends that help mold America's next generation through their positive examples. Such a person is our very own **Stephon Ferguson** (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local Fayetteville news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of Seventy-First High school, who continues to stress the importance of reading by relating it to his job as a journalist; AND*
- WHEREAS,** *over the past three years, Stephon Ferguson has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness of the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's children by reading to 700 kindergarten classes in 150 schools; AND*
- WHEREAS,** *literacy is the fundamental building block of all learning and is essential to the growth and success of every child in our community and our nation; AND*
- WHEREAS,** *reading to a child is a simple and priceless act that benefits both adult and child, positively contributing to a child's intellectual growth, and strengthening the emotional bond between a parent and child; AND*
- WHEREAS,** *the citizens of Fayetteville are 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.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anthony G. Chavonne, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 17, 2007, to be

READ TO A CHILD DAY

in our city, and appeal to our citizens to encourage our children to read and as parents assume the responsibility for our children's literacy by making a commitment to read aloud to our children for at least 20 minutes each day. And further, I encourage all of our citizens to engage in programs and activities to develop America's children to be the best readers in the world.



Anthony G. Chavonne
Anthony G. Chavonne
Mayor

*City of Fayetteville
Office of the Mayor*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School System (4300) to help promote the importance of literacy; AND*

WHEREAS, *the citizens of Fayetteville are 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, *Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High school, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; AND*

WHEREAS, *Stephon Ferguson has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's students during the six-month reading period (October 2004 to April 2005) by reading to 230 kindergarten classes in 50 schools.*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Marshall B. Pitts, Jr., Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 7, 2005, to be*

READ TO A CHILD DAY

in Fayetteville, and appeal to our citizens to encourage children to read. Further, I encourage our residents to engage in programs and activities to develop America's children into the best readers in the world.



*Marshall B. Pitts, Jr.
Mayor*



***City of Fayetteville
Office of the Mayor***

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *for the second consecutive year, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School System (8600) to help promote the importance of literacy; AND*

WHEREAS, *the citizens of Fayetteville are 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, *Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High school, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; AND*

WHEREAS, *Stephon Ferguson has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's students during the past two school years by reading to 460 kindergarten classes in 100 schools.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, Anthony G. Chavonne, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2006, to be

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Anthony G. Chavonne
Anthony G. Chavonne
Mayor



Cumberland County Schools

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March 14, 2005

Mr. Steve Blackmon
WFNC 640 AM
1009 Drayton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Mr. Blackmon:

Congratulations on reading to 4,300 kindergarteners in the Cumberland County Schools. The Cumberland County Board of Education would like to recognize this outstanding achievement. Please attend the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the downstairs Board Room, Central Services Office of the Cumberland County Schools, on HWY 301 South (near the Cumberland County Auditorium).

We look forward to having you with us on April 12.

Sincerely,



William C. Harrison
Superintendent

WCH:dr

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

READ TO A CHILD DAY

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County school system (4,300) to help promote the importance of literacy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cumberland County 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for news-talk radio WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; and

WHEREAS, the six month reading period (October 2004 to April 2005) for 230 kindergarten classes at 50 schools, has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County proclaims THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005 "READ TO A CHILD DAY" in Cumberland County and calls on all of its citizens to encourage children to read and further encourages our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2005.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Henley, Jr.".

**John T. Henley, Jr., Chairman
Board of Commissioners**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County school system (4300) to help promote the importance of literacy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spring Lake 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for news talk radio WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist.

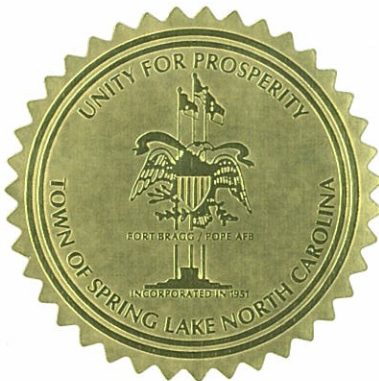
WHEREAS, the six month reading period (October 2004 to April 2005) to 230 kindergarten classes at 50 schools, has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's students.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ethel T. Clark, Mayor of the Town of Spring Lake, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 7, 2005, to be

READ TO A CHILD DAY

in Spring Lake, and call on our citizens to encourage our children to read and further encourage our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Adopted this the 28th day of March, 2005.



Ethel T. Clark

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora M. Nunes

Cora M. Nunes, CMC
Town Clerk

Office of the Mayor Town of Hope Mills, NC Proclamation

**READ TO A CHILD DAY
May 4, 2006**

WHEREAS, First Lady Laura Bush has said, "children who are read to learn two things: one, that reading is worthwhile, and two, that they are worthwhile;" and

WHEREAS, the single most important thing you can do to prepare your child for school is to read to them every day; and

WHEREAS, children will develop a love for books through being read to and seeing others read; and

WHEREAS, children who read and are read to do better in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, reading to children helps open the door to a new world and boosts their enthusiasm to read; and

WHEREAS, it is important that adults take the time to read to their children and to volunteer to read in the school system; and

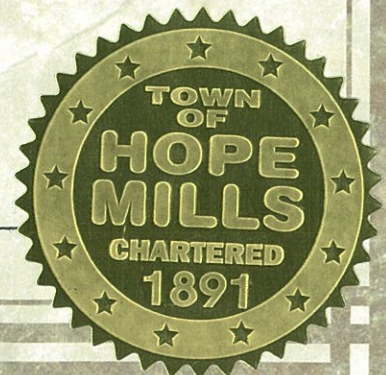
WHEREAS, Steve Blackmon, a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist, and has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School System to help promote the importance of reading for the past two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE DEES, Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, May 4, 2006, "Read To A Child Day" in Hope Mills and call upon all residents to celebrate the joy of reading by reading to a child on that day.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of May, 2006.

Eddie Dees

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR



MIKE McINTYRE

7TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

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May 4, 2006

WFNC Management
Cumulus Broadcasting, Inc.
1009 Drayton Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28303

To Whom It May Concern:

Today our region stops to acknowledge Steve Blackmon's amazing accomplishment of reading to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County Schools system. This feat is something we should celebrate and all strive to emulate.

As someone who has volunteered in the classroom for the past twenty-five years, I know there is nothing more important to this country's future than making sure our children have the knowledge and skills they need. Steve's dedication and commitment to our region's young people will surely create an even brighter future for our children. Reading teaches so many life-long skills and provides the foundation for excellence in everything that our children will do. Steve is truly working to meet the needs of every child in Cumberland County, and I congratulate him on this special day and offer my full support.

Sincerely,



Mike McIntyre
Member of Congress

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2D DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. Steve Blackmon
WFNC
1009 Drayton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Mr. Blackmon:

Let me take this opportunity to recognize today as "Read to a Child Day" in Cumberland County and the towns of Hope Mills, Spring Lake, Wade, Falcon, Godwin, Linden and Stedman. I am proud to support this event, and congratulate WFNC radio for its promotion of this important effort.

As North Carolina's former Superintendent of public schools, I know firsthand the importance of getting children interested in reading at a young age. Research has proven that a firm foundation in reading is an essential tool in a student's overall education, and the earliest years are a time of tremendous growth potential for the human mind. To help parents in their crucial role as a child's first and most important teacher, I have created a webpage on my Congressional website filled with useful information and helpful links to other reading websites. I encourage all my constituents to visit: www.house.gov/etheridge/Parents to learn more about "Parents as First Teachers."

Let me also congratulate Steve Ferguson, who is known to WFNC listeners as Steve Blackmon, for his outstanding accomplishment of service to the community by reading to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County Schools system for the second straight year. Steve's example of service is a credit to Cumulus Broadcasting, WFNC radio and the entire community, and I salute him.

On a personal note, Faye and I have become grandparents twice in the past few years. Watching those grandbabies grow and develop fills us with pride and renews our hopes for the future. "Read to a Child Day" can help all our children live lives full of hope for a bright tomorrow, and I commend all those involved in this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Bob Etheridge
Member of Congress

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P.S. You may sign up for my email newsletter at www.house.gov/etheridge.



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April 26, 2006

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Mr. Stephon Ferguson
1009 Drayton Road
Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement of reading to every kindergarten student in Cumberland County for two consecutive years in order to promote the importance of literacy and also to help children develop a hunger for reading.

I also express my appreciation to you for helping to generate an interest among adults who may not have realized the importance of this basic education tool. Reading and "reading to" is contagious, and I hope everyone "catches" the importance.

One of my earliest memories of my own childhood is that of my mother coming in to tell me to turn my flashlight out after hours and to put my book away until tomorrow.

I send my best wishes to you for continued success as you promote literacy through reading.

Cordially,

Margaret H. Dickson



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8TH DISTRICT, NORTH CAROLINA

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April 17, 2006

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Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate you on your success with "Read to a Child" day. I am so glad to hear of programs such as this that encourage adults to read to their children.

Education is the foundation upon which all life's rewards are based, and I am proud to know that people like Steve Blackmon are helping our community's children achieve these rewards. Mr. Blackmon has reached a phenomenal goal by reading to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County school system. I hope that his example may encourage others to get involve in the education of our community's students.

Congratulations on your achievement and keep up the good work! It is an honor to serve as your United States Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robin".

Robin Hayes
Member of Congress

MAYOR
HUELL AEKINS



TOWN CLERK
CINDY C. BURCHETT

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PROCLAMATION

READ TO A CHILD

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student for the second consecutive year (total 8600) in the Cumberland County School System to help promote the importance of literacy; and


WHEREAS, the citizens of Wade 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; and

WHEREAS, it is important that adults take the time to read to their children as well as to volunteer to read in the school system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade proclaims May 4, 2006 "READ TO A CHILD DAY" in the Town of Wade and calls on all citizens to encourage children to read and engage in activities that promote reading to make America's children the best readers in the world.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2006.



Huell Aekins, Mayor

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

READ TO A CHILD

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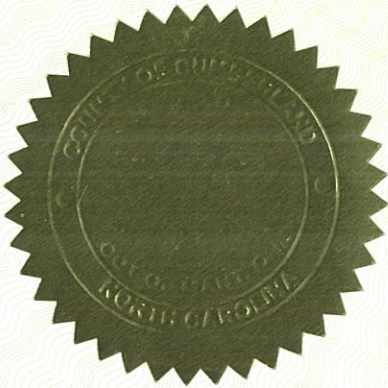
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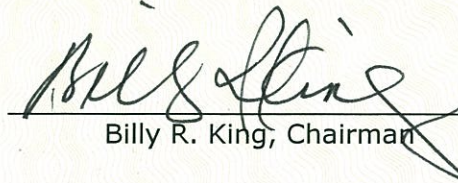
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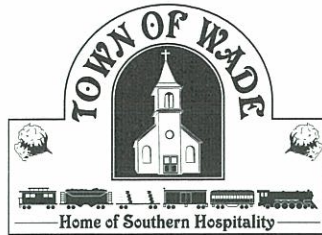
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County proclaims May 4, 2006 "READ TO A CHILD DAY" in Cumberland County and calls on all citizens to encourage their children to read and engage in activities that promote reading to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2006.




Billy R. King, Chairman

MAYOR
HUELL AEKINS



TOWN CLERK
CINDY C. BURCHETT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH DIXON • RAYMOND EDWARDS • ANN LONG • JOHN NUNNERY • NORMAN TYNDALL

PROCLAMATION

READ TO A CHILD

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student for the third consecutive year in the Cumberland County School System to help promote the importance of literacy; and


WHEREAS, the citizens of Wade 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; and

WHEREAS, it is important that adults take the time to read to their children as well as to volunteer to read in the school system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade proclaims April 17, 2007 "READ TO A CHILD DAY" in the Town of Wade and calls on all citizens to encourage children to read and engage in activities that promote reading to make America's children the best readers in the world.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2007.



Huell Aekins, Mayor

TOWN OF FALCON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, for the second consecutive year, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School System (8600) to help promote the importance of literacy; **AND**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Falcon are 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist; **AND**

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's students during the past two school years by reading to 460 kindergarten classes in 100 schools.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Wayne G. Lucas, Mayor of the Town of Falcon, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 17, 2007, to be

"READ WITH A CHILD DAY"

In Falcon, and appeal to our citizens to encourage children to read. Further, I encourage our residents to engage in programs and activities to develop America's children into the best readers in the world.

Adopted this 2nd day of April 2007.


Wayne G. Lucas, Mayor

Attest:


Belinda D. White, Town Clerk

TOWN SEAL





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April 3, 2007

Mr. Stephon Ferguson
1009 Drayton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Enclosed is the Mayoral Proclamation for "Read To A Child Day - April 17, 2007" as requested. This proclamation was read into the official record of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners regular meeting on April 2, 2007.

The Town of Hope Mills commends you for your community involvement and volunteer efforts.

Sincerely,

Phyllis C. Register, MMC
Town Clerk

Enclosure

Office of the Mayor Town of Hope Mills, NC Proclamation

READ TO A CHILD DAY
April 17, 2007

WHEREAS, First Lady Laura Bush has said, “children who are read to learn two things: one, that reading is worthwhile, and two, that they are worthwhile;” and

WHEREAS, the single most important thing you can do to prepare your child for school is to read to them every day; and

WHEREAS, children will develop a love for books through being read to and seeing others read; and

WHEREAS, children who read and are read to do better in school and in life; and

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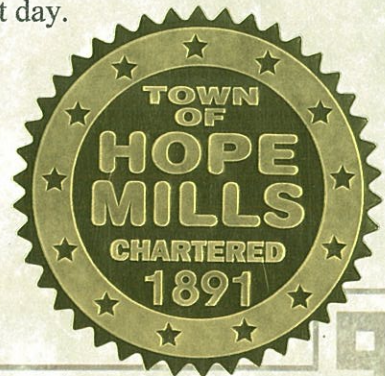
WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson, a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC, (Steve Blackmon) stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist, and has read to 13,000 students in 700 classrooms, making a total of 150 school visits; and this is the third consecutive year Mr. Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDDIE DEES, Mayor of the Town of Hope Mills, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, April 17, 2007, “Read To A child Day” in Hope Mills and call upon all residents to celebrate the joy of reading by reading to a child on that day.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of April, 2007.



EDDIE DEES, MAYOR



Town of *Stedman*

April 11, 2007

Mr. Stephen Ferguson
1009 Drayton Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

The Town of Stedman would like to congratulate your outstanding achievement of reading to every kindergarten student in Cumberland County.

Enclosed is a proclamation "Read With A Child Day" that was adopted by the Stedman Board of Commissioners on April 5 2007.

The Town of Stedman sends our best wishes to you for continued success as you promote literacy through reading.

Sincerely,



Billy D. Horne
Mayor

Enclosure

Town of Stedman

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION

READ WITH A CHILD DAY APRIL 17, 2007

WHEREAS, children are born ready to learn and are curious by nature; and

WHEREAS, literacy is the fundamental building block of all learning and is essential to the growth and success of every child; and

WHEREAS, reading to children enlarges their vocabulary and enhances their listening skills, thereby fostering intellectual growth and a more positive attitude toward reading; and

WHEREAS, research shows that infants and children who are read to are more enthusiastic about reading and more successful in school, are better readers, and are more likely to remain lifelong readers; and

WHEREAS, children need reading role models; and

WHEREAS, reading together is a great way for adults and children to converse and connect; and

WHEREAS, Steve Blackmon, a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist, and has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School system to help promote the importance of reading.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY D. HORNE, Mayor of the Town of Stedman, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 17, 2007, "**READ WITH A CHILD DAY**" in Stedman and call upon all residents to celebrate the joy of reading by reading to a child on that day.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of April, 2007.

Billy D. Horne
Billy D. Horne, Mayor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County school system (8600) to help promote the importance of literacy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spring Lake 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

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Ethel T. Clark, Mayor of the Town of Spring Lake, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2006, to be

READ TO A CHILD DAY

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Ethel T. Clark

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cora M. Nunes

Cora M. Nunes, CMC
Town Clerk

TOWN OF FALCON

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Wayne G. Lucas, Mayor of the Town of Falcon, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2006, to be

READ TO A CHILD DAY

In Falcon, and appeal to our citizens to encourage children to read. Further, I encourage our residents to engage in programs and activities to develop America's children into the best readers in the world.

Adopted this 1st day of May 2006.


Wayne G. Lucas, Mayor

Attest:


Belinda D. White, Town Clerk

TOWN SEAL



**Town of Linden
Office of the Mayor**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for the second consecutive year, Stephon Ferguson has read to every kindergarten student in the Cumberland County School System (8600) to help promote the importance of literacy; **AND**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Linden are 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, Stephon Ferguson (also known as Steve Blackmon), a local news reporter for News-talk Radio Station WFNC and a 1986 graduate of 71st High School, stresses the importance of reading by relating it to his duties as a journalist: **AND**

WHEREAS, Stephon Ferguson has played a significant role in motivating our youth to read and has helped in generating awareness to the importance of adult involvement in the education of our community's students during the past two school years by reading to 460 kindergarten classes in 100 schools.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl Leo Kelly, Mayor of the Town of Linden, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2006, to be

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in Linden, and appeal to our citizens to encourage children to read. Further, I encourage our residents to engage in programs and activities to develop America's children into the best readers in the world.

