



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

FROM THE DESK OF
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RESOLUTION ON MARCH IS READING MONTH -2025

WHEREAS, since 1994, 'March Is Reading Month' has been a call to all in the nation, state, and city to focus on the critical impact that literacy has for the future of our children¹ ; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the birth month of the prolific children's author Dr. Seuss, March Is Reading Month has been memorialized in resolution and decree as National Reading Month² ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit has only approximately 14% of 3rd graders reading at-or-above grade level³; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that, to help our children, we must unify the schools, community-based organizations, and the City of Detroit government to turn Detroit into a bastion of reading; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council designates the month of March 2025 as March Is Reading Month in the City of Detroit; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Michigan State House of Representatives, the Michigan State Senate, Mayor Mike Duggan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups and individuals who are vested in promoting literacy in our community.

¹ <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/Memos/2024/02/March-2024-Reading-Month.pdf?rev=6847eba9fe544c83a7ca33083fa8ef93>

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<https://www.detroitk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=4585&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=50537&PageID=1>

³ <https://sdc.datadrivendetroit.org/profiles/06000US2616322000-detroit-city-wayne-county-mi/#third-grade-ela-proficiency>