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On the occasion of the celebration by the Croton Free Library this day, April 17, 2010 in honor of the 2010 Caldecott Medal winner, *The Lion & the Mouse*, illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney.

Whereas, we here today express our appreciation for the power of illustrated books to enrich our lives; and

Whereas, the Caldecott Medal—named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott—is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children; and

Whereas, the Association has awarded the 2010 Caldecott Medal to *The Lion & the Mouse*, illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney; and

Whereas, Mr. Pinkney's mastery of the illustrative arts—and of watercolor in particular—has delighted his readers of all ages for decades and been a source of inspiration to those of us who are proud to be his neighbors here in Croton-on-Hudson; and

Whereas, the Croton Free Library has an outstanding collection of illustrated books and conducts outstanding programs year-round especially for young readers; and

Whereas, winners of the Caldecott Awards in prior years include books that have become cultural landmarks for their continual ability as art and story to shine the lamp of truth on the human condition while always remaining a fresh and enriching experience, no matter how often we read and share them;

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as your Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this day, Saturday, the 17th of April, 2010, shall be "**Jerry Pinkney Day**" throughout our Village; and

I now further humbly proclaim, that the community of readers in our Village itself is much larger and more inclusive than mere dotted lines on a municipal map or the list of members of this Library Association; and

That, our Village is a state of mind that enthusiastically embraces the striving for artistry, excellence, and mastery that all good Library collections exhibit; and that all who hear and abide by this proclamation are hereby honorary Croton Free Library Association members in our small Village for this day.

Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor