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DAY, 2015**

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WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY, 2015

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

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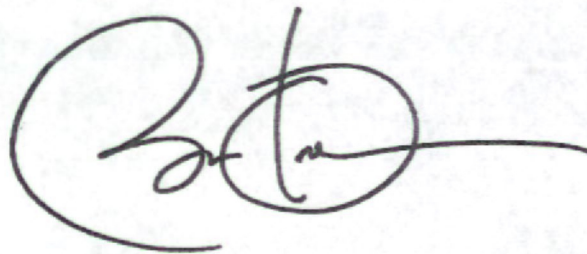
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2015, World Autism Awareness Day. I encourage all Americans to learn more about autism and what they can do to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", with a large circular flourish on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Pate, Brian

From: Walsh, Joani
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Hegde, Shilpa; Pate, Brian
Cc: Staff Secretary; DL-WHO-Exec Clerk
Subject: RE: World Autism Awareness Day, 2015

This is OK to AP. Thanks, Joani

From: Hegde, Shilpa
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:08 PM
To: Pate, Brian
Cc: Staff Secretary; Walsh, Joani; DL-WHO-Exec Clerk
Subject: RE: World Autism Awareness Day, 2015

Thanks, Brian! Joani, this is ready for your OK to AP

From: Pate, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Hegde, Shilpa
Cc: Staff Secretary; Walsh, Joani; DL-WHO-Exec Clerk
Subject: RE: World Autism Awareness Day, 2015

Shilpa,

Clerk's final attached for your review/approval.

Thanks,
Brian

From: Hegde, Shilpa
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 4:03 PM
To: DL-WHO-Exec Clerk
Cc: Staff Secretary; Walsh, Joani
Subject: World Autism Awareness Day, 2015

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Thanks,
Shilpa

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Thanks,
Shilpa

Pate, Brian

From: Hegde, Shilpa
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 3:28 PM
To: Shulman, Sophie; Johnson, Broderick; Bollinger, Annie; Gallogly, Katharine; Evans, Bess; Kefalas, Ioanna; Hunn, Allison; Blakemore, Emily; McCombs, Claire; Dorgelo, Cristin; Tiller, Jeff
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Attached is a proposed draft of the proclamation for World Autism Awareness Day, along with background and routing info. World Autism Awareness Day, 2015 is observed on April 2.

Please review and comment on this proclamation by **Friday at 2 PM**. Please make edits/comments to the version **without citations**.

Thanks,
Shilpa

ROUTING

World Autism Awareness Day, 2015

4/2/2015

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BACKGROUND

World Autism Awareness Day, 2015
4/2/2015

History

This Proclamation has been issued annually on the President's own initiative since 2011.

Original Department of Health and Human Services Draft

Today on World Autism Awareness Day, we recognize the millions of individuals and their families living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) within the United States and globally. With one in every 68 children in America identified with ASD, we acknowledge both the challenges faced by children and adults on the autism spectrum each day and the many ways in which these individuals contribute to society, using their unique talents and abilities to enrich schools, neighborhoods, and communities across our nation. As a leader in the global community, we reaffirm our commitment to the goal of acceptance and inclusion, and to helping people living with ASD achieve their fullest potential.

To create an environment where people on the autism spectrum will thrive, we need to provide needed supports and opportunities. To this end, on August 8, 2014, I proudly signed the bipartisan Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support (Autism CARES) Act into law, expanding opportunities to strengthen ASD research, to enhance critically important services and supports, and to bolster education efforts. I also signed into law the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act of 2014, which will support Americans with disabilities, including those living with ASD, in preparing for a future of financial independence.

America continues its commitment to providing the best health care and education to its people, including those on the autism spectrum. Through the Affordable Care Act, autism and developmental screenings are being provided free of charge, and individuals living with ASD are no longer denied coverage for much-needed services. In addition, we continue to support cutting-edge research to provide people on the autism spectrum with the interventions, tools and supports they need. In 2013, my Administration established the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative aimed at accelerating scientific research on the human brain. I am proud to announce today that the BRAIN Initiative has grown to include participation by partners from multiple federal agencies, companies, foundations, advocacy organizations, and academic institutions across the nation, united in an effort to foster discovery and innovation to improve the lives of those who live with a variety of brain conditions and disabilities, including ASD.

On World Autism Awareness Day, we must come together as a global community, continuing our efforts to better understand ASD and improve the lives of those on the autism spectrum, while standing in partnership to promote respect, acceptance, and inclusion. It is now more important than ever to reaffirm our support for people with ASD and their families, joining together to lower the barriers for people living with disabilities, and celebrate diversity around the world.

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Commented [BB4]: WH blog post 08.11.2014. "On Friday, President Obama signed into law the bipartisan Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act, or Autism CARES Act of 2014, into law. Autism CARES, which reauthorizes the Combating Autism Act, continues important investments in research, prevalence monitoring and services for both children and adults on the autism spectrum."

Congress.gov, "H.R.4631, Public Law (08/08/2014)... Extends through FY2019: (1) the developmental disabilities surveillance and research program; (2) the autism education, early detection, and intervention program; and (3) the Interagency Committee."

Commented [BB5]: WH.gov: "Starting in 2014, no American can be discriminated against due to a pre-existing condition."

WH.gov: "Starting in 2014, health insurers will be prohibited from discriminating against anyone due to pre-existing conditions."

NCI/NIH, "For example, beginning in January 2014, insurance companies cannot turn you away or charge you more because you have cancer or have had cancer in the past (pre-existing condition)."

Commented [BB6]: HealthCare.gov, "All Marketplace health plans and many other plans must cover the following list of preventive services for children without charging you a copayment or coinsurance. This is true even if you haven't met your yearly deductible: Developmental screening for children under age 3; Autism screening for children at 18 and 24 months"

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N.B. - not usually in quotation marks:

WH fact sheet 04.02.2013, "The BRAIN Initiative will accelerate the development and application of new technologies that will enable researchers to produce dynamic pictures of the brain that show how indivi... [1]

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