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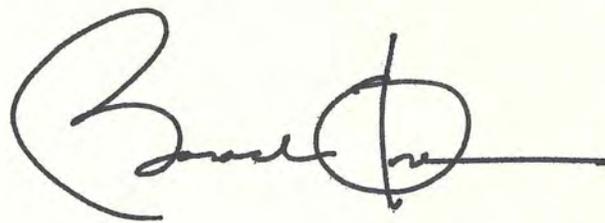
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I am pleased to send greetings to all those celebrating World Statistics Day.

Statistical data drives countless decisions which impact our Nation. It guides representation in the United States Congress; informs our economic, social service, and national security outlook; and helps determine where infrastructure like schools, hospitals, and roads should be built.

The Federal statistical system—including the United States Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Energy Information Administration, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service—has been pivotal to our progress as a Nation. I commend all the hardworking women and men who are a part of this endeavor, as their efforts to provide critical data have helped maintain and improve our country.

As you gather to acknowledge the global statistical system and raise public awareness of statistics, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the main text of the letter.