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I am pleased to join in observing World Intellectual Property Day.

Throughout history, humankind has harnessed a spirit of creativity to transcend barriers that set us apart. Our shared destiny as nations and as peoples calls on all of us—no matter who we are or where we come from—to work together to build new inventions, spur innovation, and use the wisdom borne out of restless inquiry to expand our collective conscience and discover our common humanity.

This year's theme, "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined," reminds us of the power doers, makers, artists, and inventors have to transform revolutionary ideas into realities. Whether through the music or movies that inspire us, the literature that moves us, or the technologies we rely on each day, ingenuity and innovation serve as the foundations upon which we will continue to grow our economies and bridge our cultural identities.

As you celebrate the role of intellectual property in our world, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.