Today, as we emerge from the worst recession since the Great Depression, far too many American workers remain without a job. With every work hour lost and every plant closure and layoff, families and communities struggle to make ends meet and face difficult decisions about how to stay afloat. Yet, in the face of this tremendous challenge, our workers have renewed their commitment to achieving the American dream by training and educating themselves for careers crucial to our long-term competitiveness. To rebuild our economy, my Administration is focusing on job training and investing in industries that cannot be outsourced. By focusing on recovery at home, we are saving or creating millions of jobs in America and supporting the working men and women who will drive our 21st-century economy. More remains to be done, but we have taken important steps forward toward recovery.

American workers have always been ready to roll up their sleeves, clock in, and earn an honest living. That steady determination is why I have confidence in the American economy and confidence that we can overcome the challenges we face. There is no greater example of our country’s resolve and resilience than that of our workers. As we celebrate Labor Day, we honor those who have advanced our Nation’s strength and prosperity—American workers.

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 September 6, 2010, as Labor Day. I call upon all public officials and people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that acknowledge the tremendous contributions of working Americans and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA

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National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, 2010

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Each year, thousands of children face the battle against cancer with inspiring hope and incredible bravery. When a child is diagnosed with cancer, an entire family and community are affected. The devotion of parents, grandparents, loved ones, and friends creates a treasured network of support for these courageous children. During National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we honor the young lives taken too soon and the survivors who face chronic health challenges, we celebrate the progress made in treatment and recovery, and we rededicate ourselves to fighting this disease so all children may have the chance to live a full and healthy life.
While survival rates for many childhood cancers have risen sharply over
the past few decades, cancer is still the leading cause of death by disease
for young Americans between infancy and age 15. Too many families have
been touched by cancer and its consequences, and we must work together
to control, and ultimately defeat, this destructive disease. I invite all Amer-
icans to visit Cancer.gov for more information and resources about the
symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of childhood cancers.

Tragically, the causes of cancer in children are largely unknown. Until
these illnesses can be cured, my Administration will continue to support
investments in research and treatment. The National Cancer Institute, the
Federal Government’s principal agency for cancer research, is supporting
national and international studies examining the risk factors and possible
causes of childhood cancers.

The health reforms included in the landmark Affordable Care Act advance
critical protections for individuals facing cancer. Provisions in the law pro-
hibit insurance companies from limiting or denying coverage to individuals
participating in clinical trials, the cornerstone of cancer research. After re-
covering from cancer, children can no longer be denied insurance coverage
due to a pre-existing condition. It also requires all new plans to provide
preventive services without charging copayments, deductibles, or coinsur-
ance, increasing access to regular checkups that can help detect and treat
childhood cancers earlier. The Affordable Care Act eliminates annual and
lifetime caps on insurance coverage and prohibits companies from dropping
coverage if someone gets sick, giving patients and families the peace
of mind that their insurance will cover the procedures their doctors rec-
ommend.

This month, we pay tribute to the health-care professionals, researchers,
private philanthropies, social support organizations, and parent advocacy
groups who work together to provide hope and help to families and find
cures for childhood cancers. Together, we will carry on their work toward
a future in which cancer no longer threatens the lives of our Nation’s chil-
dren.

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 September 2010 as Na-
tional Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. I also encourage all Americans
to join me in recognizing and reaffirming our commitment to fighting child-
hood cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of
September, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independ-
ence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA