

Administration of Barack H. Obama, 2010

Statement on the Observance of Kwanzaa
December 26, 2010

Michelle and I extend our warmest thoughts and wishes to all those who are celebrating Kwanzaa this holiday season. Today is the first of a joyful 7-day celebration of African American culture and heritage. The seven principles of Kwanzaa—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith—are some of the very values that make us Americans.

As families across America and around the world light the *kinara* today in the spirit of *umoja*, or unity, our family sends our well wishes and blessings for a happy and healthy new year.

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