

## Statement on the Death of Thomas M. Menino

October 30, 2014

Michelle and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Tom Menino. Bold, big-hearted, and Boston strong, Tom was the embodiment of the city he loved and led for more than two decades. As Boston's longest serving mayor, Tom helped make his hometown the vibrant, welcoming, world-class place it is today. His legacy lives on in every neighborhood he

helped revitalize, every school he helped turn around, and every community he helped make a safer, better place to live. I had a chance to speak with Tom's wife Angela yesterday, and today our thoughts and prayers are with her, with the entire Menino family, and with the people of Boston who Tom loved so much and who loved him in return.

## Remarks at a Campaign Rally for Gubernatorial Candidate Michael H. Michaud in Portland, Maine

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*The President.* Hello, Portland! Hello, Maine! Oh, it is good to be back in Maine.

*Audience member.* I love you!

*The President.* I love you too! And I love the State of Maine. I mean, you guys just have a pretty State. It is just spectacular. And I appreciate whoever arranged for it to be in the fifties today. [Laughter]

Please give it up for your next Governor, Mike Michaud! "I like Mike!" "We like Mike!" We like Mike!

*Audience members.* We like Mike! We like Mike! We like Mike!

*The President.* We like Mike! We like Mike! We like Mike!

*Audience members.* We like Mike! We like Mike! We like Mike!

*The President.* And I want to thank a legendary son of Maine, Senator George Mitchell, for being here tonight. We've got your former Governor, John Baldacci is here. Your Congresswoman, Chellie Pingree is here. We've got your mayor, Mike Brennan is here.

And while he can't be here tonight, I want to say a few words about Senator Angus King. Angus is proudly independent. He's not focused on what's best for a political party, he's focused on what's best for the people of Maine. He's a gentleman and brings civility down to Washington. And I agree with what he said yesterday: that it's time to come together around

Mike Michaud as our choice to lead Maine forward.

But that depends on what happens in the next 5 days. Five days. Five days from now, you get to choose a new Governor. So you're going to have to grab your friends. You've got to grab your classmates, your coworkers. You've got to knock on some doors. You've got to make some phone calls. You have to visit [mainedems.org](http://mainedems.org) and find your polling place. You've got to take everyone you know to cast a ballot for Mike Michaud.

And let me tell you why. George Mitchell talked about this. Mike talked about it. I'm proud to be a Democrat in part because of the traditions we represent. And one of those traditions is the idea that everybody who works hard and takes responsibility in this country should be able to make it.

And this country has made real progress since the worst economic crisis of our lifetimes. Over the last—over the past 4½ years, in part because of some really good work by people like Mike, who didn't forget where they came from and understood what it means to work hard—over the last 4½ years, American businesses have created more than 10 million new jobs. This morning we learned that our economy grew at a strong clip over the summer, even stronger than we'd expected. In fact, over the past 6 months, our economy has grown at the fastest pace in more than 10