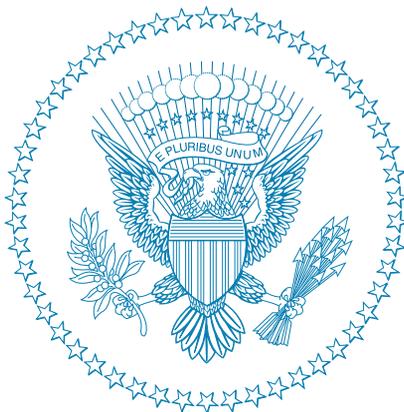


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Foreword

By 2010, our economy was no longer teetering on the brink of collapse, but the American people were still feeling the effects of the worst recession since the Great Depression. We remained focused on creating jobs and providing relief to families and businesses. But it was also a time for change. We had to take on the challenges that Washington had avoided for too long, to work toward a more secure and more prosperous future for our children.

That effort began with our fight to make health care reform a reality—a fight that stretched back to the days of Teddy Roosevelt. While running for this office, I promised to make health care accessible and affordable to every American, thereby addressing one of the leading causes of our Nation’s long-term deficit. It was a difficult fight, but in March, after nearly a century of talk, decades of trying, and a year of sustained effort and debate, the Affordable Care Act became the law of the land.

Health care reform was a historic step. But it wasn’t the only measure we took in early 2010 to bring about meaningful change. We announced groundbreaking goals for the well-being of our children and communities with First Lady Michelle Obama’s *Let’s Move!* initiative, which aims to end the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation. We passed the HIRE Act to help small businesses grow and thrive. We signed the New START Treaty with Russia to reduce deployed nuclear arsenals to their lowest level in half a century. We cut tens of billions of dollars in tax subsidies to big banks and used the savings to help more Americans afford college. And I nominated Elena Kagan to serve on the Supreme Court, whose later confirmation meant that three women would serve on the Supreme Court for the first time.

The first half of 2010 was also a time of unexpected crises. In the wake of a devastating earthquake in Haiti, both the military and the American people sprang into action to provide medical care, deliver supplies, and offer relief to Haitians whose lives had been upended. And after an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform caused hundreds of millions of gallons of oil to leak into the Gulf of Mexico, we coordinated a massive and ultimately successful response to stop the leak, clean up the spill, and help the people of the Gulf Coast recover.

The past 6 months have seen hard-fought compromise and long-awaited progress. They have reminded us of the resolve, generosity, and strength of the American people. We have responded to unexpected challenges and persistent injustices. And even though we continue to travel a long road to restored prosperity, I believe we will get there together—as one people and one Nation.



Preface

This book contains the papers and speeches of the President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary during the period January 1–June 30, 2010. The material has been compiled and published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration.

The material is presented in chronological order, and the dates shown in the headings are the dates of the documents or events. In instances when the release date differs from the date of the document itself, that fact is shown in the textnote. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy: Remarks are checked against an audio recording, and signed documents are checked against the original. Textnotes and cross references have been provided by the editors for purposes of identification or clarity. Speeches were delivered in Washington, DC, unless indicated. The times noted are local times. All materials that are printed in full text in the book have been indexed in the subject and name indexes and listed in the document categories list.

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