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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ON ROSH HASHANAH

ON THE OCCASION OF THE HIGH HOLY DAYS, IT IS MY PLEASURE
TO SEND SPECIAL GREETINGS TO MY FELLOW AMERICANS OF THE JEWISH FAITH.
YOUR INHERITANCE OF ACCUMULATED WISDOM AND MORAL PRECEPTS MAKES YOU
STRONG GUARDIANS OF THE IDEALS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE AND HUMAN
DIGNITY. THIS HAS GIVEN YOU A SPECIAL SENSITIVITY TO THE SOCIAL NEEDS
OF EACH GENERATION. AND THIS HAS ALSO BEEN THE GUIDING FORCE BEHIND
YOUR IMPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VITALITY OF OUR AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY.

THESE SOLEMN DAYS OF WORSHIP WHICH YOU CELEBRATE HAVE
A MESSAGE FOR ALL AMERICANS. THEY EXHORT US TO SEARCH OUR SOULS,
TO RENDER AN INNER ACCOUNTING, AND A SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE
STANDARDS WE PROFESS AND THE ACTIONS WE PERFORM. THEY INVITE US
TO A RETURN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH AND TO A REBIRTH IN THE
SPIRIT OF NEIGHBORLINESS AND BROTHERHOOD. THEY REMIND US THAT WE
ARE IN GOD'S HANDS AND THAT HE HAS GIVEN US OUR LIVES IN TRUST
TO USE IN HIS SERVICE.

AT A TIME WHICH URGENTLY TESTS OUR WILL AS A PEOPLE
TO PUT HUMANITY'S INTEREST ABOVE SELF-INTEREST, WE CAN BE
GREATLY SUSTAINED AND GUIDED BY THE TRADITIONS OF VALOR AND
RESILIENCE THAT MARK THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

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