



THE WHITE HOUSE

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I send greetings to all those observing National Homeownership Month.

Owning a home in America has been a source of pride and security for generations. From rural counties to bustling cities, homes offer an opportunity to lay down roots, start a family, and embark on new beginnings. During National Homeownership Month, we recommit to ensuring more of our people can reach for this fundamental piece of the American dream.

Over the past 7 years, rising home values have brought millions of families out from being underwater, and home sales have increased substantially. Today, America's housing market is on firmer footing, and more Americans are able to stay in their homes and afford their mortgages. But much work remains to be done.

This month's theme, "Dare to Own the Dream," emphasizes the importance of ensuring borrowers have the ability to purchase a home that serves them and their families well. My Administration will continue doing everything we can to make homeownership more accessible and sustainable by striving to make homes more affordable and building upon the successful policies that led to our housing recovery.

I commend all those who are working to make the vision of homeownership a reality for more people. I am confident that if we continue to work together on this critical issue, we can strengthen our communities and neighborhoods for generations to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.