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I am pleased to send greetings to those observing Public Service Recognition Week.

America is blessed with dedicated public employees who keep our country strong and ensure that our government functions effectively. Every day, Americans serve in a variety of Federal, state, and local government jobs to protect and enhance the lives of their fellow citizens. Many of these public servants demonstrated their character and commitment to the American people after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. By assisting those in need, public employees helped countless Americans through this difficult time.

We should all play a role in serving our Nation. I have called on every American to dedicate at least 4,000 hours in his or her life in service to America. Programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Peace Corps, and Citizen Corps provide opportunities for individuals to further a cause greater than themselves. By working together, we can improve the lives of all Americans. I commend all public employees for their important service to this Nation and for their invaluable contributions to our future.

Best wishes for a wonderful week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".