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I am pleased to join in celebrating the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10.

Founded before the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Marine Corps fought for the birth of our freedom and has defended our hard-won liberties with each passing generation. Their missions have changed over time, but our Marines have always remained devoted to the Corps and to this country we love.

With unique capabilities as our Nation's rapid response force, Marines protect Americans and our interests around the world. Serving on land, at sea, in the air, and now in cyberspace, their honor, courage, and commitment continue to inspire us to live up to our highest ideals.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I salute all who have served and all who continue to serve in the United States Marine Corps. May God bless our Marines and their loved ones, and may God bless the United States of America.

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