



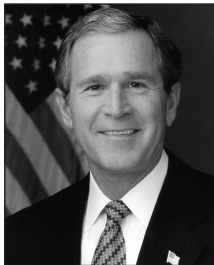
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I send greetings to those celebrating National Cancer Survivors Day.

Although cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, our Nation continues to make medical advancements in the prevention and treatment of this illness. Because of these efforts, we are increasingly able to help those fighting this disease live longer and healthier lives. Thirty years ago, there were only 3 million cancer survivors, while today there are more than 10 million. By staying firmly committed to the battle against cancer, the number of survivors will continue to rise, and we will continue to make progress toward finding a cure.

I appreciate cancer survivors for your determination, courage, and strength. Your stories are an inspiration to all Americans. I am also grateful for medical professionals, researchers, family members, and friends who support America's cancer patients and survivors. Your efforts reflect the best of the American spirit.

Laura and I send our best wishes.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "George W. Bush".