**SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ATTAIN PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION – PLEASE PERSONALIZE ACCORDINGLY**

President Barack Obama

White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, DC 20500

Attention: Correspondence Office

(Date)

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to request the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation for the year 2014 observance of Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, which will be held on May 14, 2014. On this day, we will raise national awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech disorder in youngsters. It would help our cause a great deal to receive such an official validation from your esteemed office since yours is the most highly respected position in America, if not the world.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty planning and producing the precise, highly refined and specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech. It is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children. Every child should be afforded their best opportunity to develop speech. With early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices. These children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles. If you would choose to issue a Presidential Proclamation in recognition of Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, it would be a strong testament to the public with regards to your Administration's support of children, health care, and education.

We are hopeful you will be able to grant us the honor of such a proclamation as continuing proof of your professed and honored goals and philosophies. I thank you in advance for any time and consideration you may be able to give our humble request.

Respectfully yours,

(your signature)