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SUBJECT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month during the month of June.

We recognize gay, lesbian and bisexual service members and LGBT civilians for their dedicated service to our country. Each year of his administration, President Obama has issued a proclamation recognizing that our national security is strengthened by the heroic contributions these Americans make to our Department, and have made throughout our history. The LGBT community has written a proud chapter in this fundamentally American story by reminding us that integrity and respect remain corner stones of our military and civilian culture.

Diversity and equality make the American Dream possible for every American. During the month of June, I encourage our DoD personnel to recognize the accomplishments of all members of our workforce, and in doing so, we celebrate the significance of diversity in building a brighter future for all citizens.

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