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

The Department of Defense 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; the heroic contributions made by these Americans strengthen our national security. Whether officer, enlisted, civilian employee, or family member, their inclusion gives our Department greater promise and possibility.

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. During the month of June, let's rededicate ourselves to equity, dignity and respect for all, and celebrate the diversity of the DoD workforce.

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