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SUBJECT: Department of Defense 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) is pleased to announce the 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month in June. During this time, the Department recognizes lesbian, gay, and bisexual Service members, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civilians for their dedicated service to both the DoD and our Nation.

In honoring the LGBT community this year, we acknowledge the importance of diversity within the Defense Department. Diversity and inclusion are readiness imperatives; we rely on our diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and expertise to enable us to address the complex challenges of the global security environment.

The struggles, sacrifices, and successes among the LGBT community continue to shape the history of our Nation and remind each of us to stand for tolerance, justice, and dignity. For the last four years, the DoD has honored the LGBT lasting ideals of dignity and worth. DoD components are encouraged to commemorate LGBT Pride Month and celebrate the accomplishments of those serving in uniform and civilians.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clarence A. Johnson".

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