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SUBJECT: 2024 Department of Defense Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observance

The Department of Defense joins the Nation as it recognizes May 5-12, 2024, as the Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust. We also acknowledge May 6, 2024, as the designated Holocaust Remembrance Day, a call for our Nation to come together to remember the victims, honor the survivors, and pay tribute to the liberators who demonstrated immense courage and bravery.

This year's theme, "Behind Every Name a Story: The Courageous," is an opportunity to recognize and reflect upon the individual suffering experienced by six million Jews and millions of others who endured tremendous hardship and loss. As we acknowledge their stories, we also honor their memory, admire their resilience, and applaud their courage in the face of unimaginable adversity.

The Days of Remembrance are a powerful reminder that it is imperative to promote a just and inclusive society. As a Department, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide an environment of dignity, respect, and inclusivity and to combat hateful conduct by those who seek to perpetrate violence or instill fear based on race, ethnicity, or religion.

As we commemorate the Holocaust Days of Remembrance, let us reaffirm our commitment to an organizational culture that values diversity of experiences and perspectives. By working together with empathy and understanding, we build a better future where the lessons of the past guide us towards a more compassionate and harmonious world. For more information visit: <https://www.defenseculture.mil/Human-Relations-Toolkit/Special-Observances/#days-of-remembrance-holocaust-remembrance-day>.

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