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SUBJECT: 2018 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

President Donald Trump has proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a crime where force, fraud, or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services, or commercial sex. According to the International Labor Organization, an estimated 25 million people are subject to human trafficking around the world. Human trafficking affects all populations – adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals, United States citizens, and all economic classes. The Department must continue to raise awareness and do our part to end this horrendous crime against humanity.

The Department's Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) program management office (PMO) provides training modules and resources at <http://ctip.defense.gov/>. Each CTIP training module educates and reinforces the understanding and signs of trafficking, as well as actions to take if trafficking is suspected. The CTIP PMO provides a toolkit to assist leaders in integrating CTIP into their commands. We, as a community, must come together to raise a unified voice against human trafficking. Throughout the month of January, Facebook, Twitter, SharePoint portals, and DoD websites will be used to furnish information about DoD's anti-trafficking efforts in order to emphasize the important role that everyone plays in identifying and responding to suspected incidents of human trafficking.

In support of the President's proclamation, I encourage each of you to promote awareness of this important issue throughout the month of January. My point of contact for CTIP is Ms. Linda Dixon; she can be reached at 571-372-1974 or by email at linda.k.dixon7.civ@mail.mil.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Wilkie".

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