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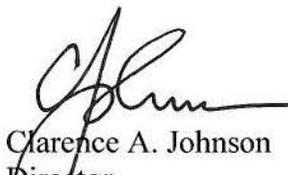
SUBJECT: Department of Defense 2015 National Women's Equality Day Observance

The Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating National Women's Equality Day. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted on August 26, 1920, granting women the right to vote. The recurring theme of "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote" echoes this historic movement that achieved a major victory for women's rights and for our nation.

The ratification of the 19th Amendment is a testament to the courage and resolve of the women who challenged the nation to live up to its founding principles. It helped pave the way for more women to serve as leaders, politicians, voters, and warriors. This amendment continues to serve as a platform for gender equality and helps ensure that women have the opportunities they need and deserve throughout each stage of their lives. Today, we remember those who struggled for women's equality and honor their historic achievements in the nation and across the Total Force.

The vision of the women's suffrage movement continues today. We are grateful for the foundation that women from the past have created, and for the women of today who continue to build upon those achievements for generations of future leaders to come.

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