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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

SUBJECT: September 2023 is National Insider Threat Awareness Month

REFERENCES: A. Executive Order 13587
B. National Insider Threat Policy

This September, the National Counterintelligence and Security Center will collaborate once again with departments and agencies across the executive branch to support the fifth annual National Insider Threat Awareness Month (NITAM). Please join us in emphasizing the importance of detecting, deterring and mitigating insider risk, and ensuring our workforces remain vigilant against such threats.

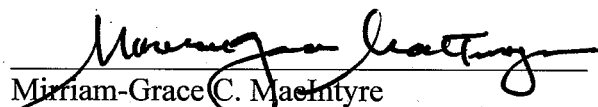
Pursuant to Executive Order 13587, all federal departments and agencies with access to classified information are required to maintain a program to deter, detect and mitigate insider threats. Insider threat programs are multidisciplinary, typically involving security, information assurance, and human resources personnel, and operate in a confidential environment while adhering to workforce privacy and civil liberty protections. Insider threat awareness programs do not curtail free speech or suppress legitimate whistleblowing, but instead promote early intervention, and the recognition and reporting of concerning behaviors, with the objective of reducing risk to organizations.

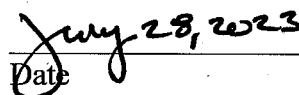
As recent headlines have confirmed, insiders who misuse their authorized access to share and publicize classified information continue to cause great harm to our national security and diplomatic relations. Among our most effective countermeasures for mitigating such risks is workforce awareness, and equipping personnel to identify potential insider threats and take action when appropriate.

The theme of this year's NITAM is **Bystander Engagement**, a nod to the critical role each and every one of us serves in our insider threat defenses. It is not uncommon for employees to witness troubling conduct among their peers and colleagues, including discrimination, bullying, or sexual harassment, or to sense a potential for violence. In such cases, employees must be more than mere spectators, and should either directly intervene or advise the proper authorities. Every individual who participates in Bystander Engagement strengthens our protection from potential insider threats, and NITAM is an opportunity to bolster those defenses by promoting awareness programs and training opportunities.

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Every organization across the U.S. Government is encouraged to participate in NITAM. Suggested activities include distributing educational materials, holding information sessions, encouraging personnel to engage, and hosting an Insider Threat Awareness Day. For more information about NITAM and Bystander Engagement, please visit <https://www.dni.gov/index.php/ncsc-how-we-work/ncsc-nittf> and <https://securityawareness.usalearning.gov/cdse/itawareness/index.html>.


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Arctic Research Commission
Armed Forces Retirement Home
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Executive Office of the President, Office of Administration
Export-Import Bank of the United States
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Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
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Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission
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Missile Defense Agency
Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation
National Capital Planning Commission
National Council on Disability
National Credit Union Administration
National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
National Labor Relations Board
National Institute for Literacy
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National Security Agency
National Science Foundation
National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence
National Transportation Safety Board
Northern Border Regional Commission
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The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation

Tennessee Valley Authority

U.S. Agency for Global Media

U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army

U.S. Agency for International Development

U.S. Arctic Research Commission

U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission

U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

U.S. Institute of Peace

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

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U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Navy

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U.S. Postal Service

U.S. Space Force

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

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Women's Progress Commemoration Commission

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