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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Observance of Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national observance to remind us of the dangers of drug abuse and the benefit of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Department of Defense (DoD) has been in the forefront of the Nation's efforts to combat illegal drugs. Whether it is through drug testing and educational efforts within our own DoD communities, or voluntarily reaching out to others in need of help, we have been steadfast in our endeavors to confront this problem.

To reaffirm our commitment, I hereby declare October 22-24, 2008, as DoD's official observance of Red Ribbon Week. I encourage all DoD components to participate, including the displaying of red ribbons.

My point of contact for this event is Colonel Ron Shippee, who may be reached at (703) 681-4348 or [Ronald.Shippee@tma.osd.mil](mailto:Ronald.Shippee@tma.osd.mil).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David S. C. Chu".

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