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MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads Of Executive Departments And Agencies

FROM: Kay Coles James, Director

Subject: Public Service Recognition Week

Our Nation today faces great challenges, but as President Bush recently told a group of Federal employees, America has even greater advantages thanks to public servants "who serve with skill and, frankly, don't get enough credit" for the work they do.

The outstanding men and women who have devoted their careers to public service do so mostly out of the limelight. Public Service Recognition Week is our annual opportunity to salute them and to help all Americans become more aware of their dedicated efforts in service to freedom and democracy. They are the heart and soul, the guidance system and the engine of our Government.

This year, Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated May 5th through 11th. Please join me in ensuring the hard work and important contributions of America's public servants across our country and around the world are appropriately recognized during this special week.

There will be a grand exhibit on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. from May 2nd through 5th featuring displays by many Federal Government agencies and military branches. In addition to participating and inviting your employees and their families to visit the Mall, I encourage you to recognize the public servants in your organization with appropriate ceremonies and tributes. The website theroundtable.org provides a free guide, "How to Celebrate Public Service Recognition Week."

In unsettled times such as these, people look to Government for direction and protection. Let us remember during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year the committed men and women responsible for making Government work. Public Service Recognition Week provides an excellent opportunity to acknowledge and thank them.