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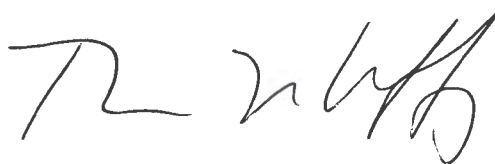
SUBJECT: Warrior Care Month Recognition

Please join me in recognizing Warrior Care Month, an important DoD-wide effort to increase awareness of programs and resources available to wounded, ill, and injured Service members, as well as their families, caregivers, and others who support them. Established in 2008, the annual Warrior Care Month recognition occurs each November. The observance's theme is "Show of Strength."

The DoD, in collaboration with federal, private, and nonprofit partners, works diligently to ensure our wounded, ill, and injured Service members receive proper care and support. Our Service members exhibit tremendous strength and resilience through recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration back to duty or transition into the community. This strength is represented in the physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, familial, civilian, and career-readiness activities that Service members and their families and caregivers engage in to overcome challenges. It is also evident in the commitment the DoD and its partners reaffirm daily, to provide our Service members, their families, and caregivers with the care and support they deserve.

Many professionals working in the DoD make it their year-round mission to ensure exceptional care is provided to wounded, ill and injured Service members. However, November

is an especially important time for those working in the field of warrior care. This November in particular, I ask you to become more informed about and share warrior care resources; explore new ways to exhibit your own strength by helping our wounded, ill, and injured Service members, families, and caregivers realize their own potential; and do your part to inspire year-round discourse and action to support warrior care priorities. For more Warrior Care Month information please visit [www.warriorcare.mil](http://www.warriorcare.mil).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom McCaffery', written in a cursive style.

Tom McCaffery  
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