



## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY NEWS RELEASE

### **DNI Coats and ODNI Leadership Will Celebrate National Whistleblower Appreciation Day on July 30, 2019**

The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) is hosting an event to celebrate National Whistleblower Appreciation Day on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Intelligence Community Campus Bethesda (ICC-B). National Whistleblower Appreciation Day celebrates America's first whistleblower law, passed unanimously by the Continental Congress on July 30, 1778, and acknowledges the contributions of whistleblowers in combating waste, fraud, abuse, and violations of laws and regulations of the United States. The United States Senate passed a resolution designating July 30<sup>th</sup> as National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. National Whistleblower Appreciation Day seeks to inform employees, contractors working on behalf of the United States taxpayers, and members of the public about the legal right of a U.S. citizen to "blow the whistle" to the appropriate authority by honest and good faith reporting of misconduct, fraud, or abuse.

The event, which is scheduled to include opening remarks by Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, will highlight and commemorate the contributions of whistleblowers throughout the United States Government, particularly the Intelligence Community, in providing the proper authorities with lawful disclosures to save the taxpayers of the United States billions of dollars each year and serving the public interest by ensuring that the United States remains an ethical and safe place. A panel discussion featuring other ODNI senior leaders, and moderated by Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Michael K. Atkinson, will provide attendees with information on various programs and services to get the "right information" to the "right people," including the ICIG's new Center for Protected Disclosures. Senior leaders from ODNI's Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Transparency Office, National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Office of General Counsel, Office of the Intelligence Community Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, and Office of the Ombudsman have been invited to participate in the panel discussion. There will also be time for a question and answer session. Please feel free to submit any questions you have in advance to the ICIG Whistleblower Ombuds, Dale Vergott, at 571-204-8020.

The event, open to cleared personnel, will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Intelligence Community Campus Bethesda (ICC-B) auditorium.

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