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Reply to Attn of: **Office of the Director**

TO: NASA/SSC Employees

FROM: Director

SUBJECT: Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement

Diversity and inclusion fosters creativity and innovation in the workplace and encourages more effective engagement with each other. SSC recognizes and respects the differences and unique talents each team member brings to their job. We are committed to using those differences to help us succeed in the workplace. This creates a work environment where team members feel included and motivated.

As your Diversity Champion, I appreciate the varied talents and dedication that each of you brings to the workplace. Leveraging our differences to accomplish our mission, and respecting each other while doing so, is a cornerstone for our success.

Even though SSC has numerous resources already in place to promote diversity and inclusion, there is always room for improvement. I want to ensure that SSC is an inclusive, open, and productive workplace where we are always open and receptive to good ideas. SSC is continuing to develop our diversity and inclusion initiatives to support the Agency's efforts. With this as an objective, the SSC Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan has been developed, and a Diversity and Inclusion Board has been established.

I expect all managers, supervisors, and employees to join me in making SSC a model for diversity and inclusion. For further information, please contact Jake Jacobs, Diversity and Inclusion Manager at Ext. 688-3931 or jake.jacobs@nasa.gov. You may also visit the Stennis Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity webpage:
http://www.nasa.gov/centers/stennis/about/organization/odeo/index.html

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