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I am delighted to share with you that NASA has been named the Best Place to Work in government

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in the large agency category for the fourth year in a row.

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Our workforce continues to do amazing things – from carrying out a journey to Mars to

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developing the aeronautics and space technologies that will make our future brighter and I couldn't

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be more proud.

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I want to thank the Partnership for Public Service for their continued recognition of

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the importance of public service and their efforts to call positive attention to federal

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workers and the federal workplace.

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I've been blessed to work at NASA in many capacities since joining the Astronaut Corps

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in 1980.

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For almost seven years now, I have been blessed

to lead this amazing agency and I can say

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without hesitation it is most certainly a
great place to work.

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Everyone who walks through our doors to raise
the bar of human achievement does so with

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a great amount of passion and that's truly
the only way we can accomplish the huge challenges

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of exploring space, learning more about our
planet and increasing human capabilities.

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This year, the entire world watched as New
Horizons sent back the first close-up images

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of Pluto.

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We made new discoveries about Mars that will
help inform human missions there.

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We learned more about our home planet and
our changing climate as newer Earth science

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missions began to return their data.

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The Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System
rocket that will carry us again to deep space

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continued to reach new milestones.

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In cooperation with our industry partners,
Boeing and SpaceX, we moved closer to commercial

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launches of astronauts from American soil.

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Technology continued to drive exploration
-- in space and in the air -- and we made

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advances toward a future in which we make
air travel safer, cleaner and more efficient.

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I want to thank each of you in our NASA Family
for your contributions to our mission and

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the great value you are delivering to the
American public.

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Special thanks to our mid-level managers and
supervisors who serve every single day as

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the role models and mentors for our thousands
of employees and encourage all of us to do

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our very best to excel in the accomplishment
of our ambitious goals and objectives.

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No matter your pay grade or area of expertise,
your commitment to the Agency's missions

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in every area has made all of this possible.

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The credit for this success goes to you, who
are on the front lines of the future.

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While our satellites travel to space, new
technologies leap from drawing boards to implementation

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and we set our sights on Mars – it all begins
with your hard work and innovation.

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Thank you for keeping the United States the
world's leader in science, aeronautics and

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space exploration.

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I look forward to working with all of you
toward even greater successes in 2016.