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****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**** ****Microsoft Azure Achieves FedRAMP High Authorization, Expanding Access for US Government Agencies**** ****REDMOND, WA – October 26, 2023**** – Microsoft today announced that Microsoft Azure has achieved FedRAMP High authorization for a wider range of its services, further empowering U.S. federal agencies to leverage the power of the cloud for mission-critical workloads and sensitive data. This expanded authorization signifies Azure's commitment to meeting the stringent security and compliance requirements of the U.S. government. This enhanced FedRAMP High authorization includes key Azure services used extensively by government agencies, such as Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS), Azure Machine Learning, and several Azure AI services. By meeting the FedRAMP High baseline, Azure provides agencies with a secure and compliant platform to modernize their IT infrastructure, accelerate innovation, and improve citizen services. This achievement simplifies the procurement process for government entities looking to adopt Azure and helps them meet their evolving cloud needs. The rigorous FedRAMP High certification process involves independent assessments and continuous monitoring to ensure the security and integrity of the cloud environment. Microsoft's investment in security, compliance, and transparency demonstrates its unwavering dedication to supporting the U.S. government's digital transformation efforts. This authorization builds upon Azure's existing FedRAMP Moderate authorizations, offering a comprehensive suite of cloud services tailored to meet varying levels of security requirements. "Achieving this expanded FedRAMP High authorization underscores our commitment to providing the most secure and compliant cloud platform for U.S. government agencies," said Judson Althoff, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer at Microsoft. "We understand the critical importance of protecting sensitive government data, and we are proud to provide Azure as a trusted and reliable solution to help agencies achieve their mission objectives." Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) enables digital transformation for the era of an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge. Its mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. ****Contact:**** Microsoft Media Relations support@microsoft.com