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LGBTQ+ Pride Month 2021

# THE LAVENDER SCARE

**Virtual Screening**  
**June 7-13, 2021**

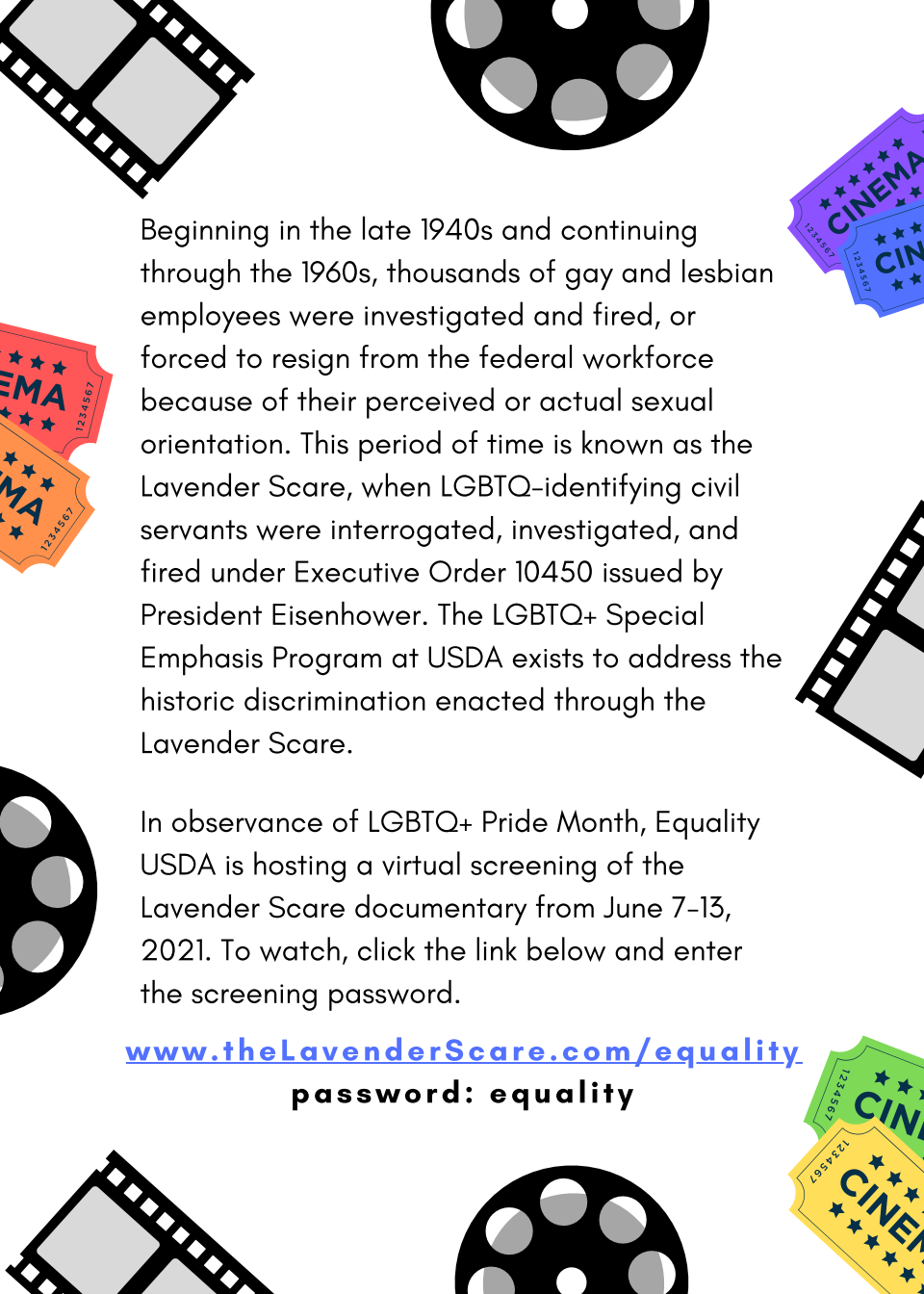
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Beginning in the late 1940s and continuing through the 1960s, thousands of gay and lesbian employees were investigated and fired, or forced to resign from the federal workforce because of their perceived or actual sexual orientation. This period of time is known as the Lavender Scare, when LGBTQ-identifying civil servants were interrogated, investigated, and fired under Executive Order 10450 issued by President Eisenhower. The LGBTQ+ Special Emphasis Program at USDA exists to address the historic discrimination enacted through the Lavender Scare.

In observance of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Equality USDA is hosting a virtual screening of the Lavender Scare documentary from June 7-13, 2021. To watch, click the link below and enter the screening password.

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