

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**GREETINGS:** 

It is an honor to join with the Ulysses S. Grant Association (USGA) and the Grant Monument Association in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant.

Born in 1822 of humble beginnings, Ulysses S. Grant would go on to graduate from the United States Military Academy in 1843. Upon graduating, Grant would go on to have an illustrious and exceptional military career. Along with his service during the Mexican-American War, his command during the Civil War would go on to help secure the hardfought Union victory. Following his military service, Grant was elected the 18<sup>th</sup> President of the United States in 1868 and re-elected in 1872. Under the Grant administration, many notable achievements were secured including the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, the creation of the Department of Justice, the Enforcement Acts of 1870 and 1871, and the Civil Rights Act of 1875. Through his work to preserve and re-unite the Union, and his dedication to civil rights, Grant has lived on through American history as an important and influential figure.

As Governor, and on behalf of all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I extend my best wishes to the Ulysses S. Grant Association and Grant Monument Association for a memorable 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



TOM WOLF

Governor April 27, 2022



## The House of Representatibes

## Citation

**Efformed as**, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is always pleased to recognize those esteemed organizations which, through the observance of significant events in history, contribute to preserving the continuity of this nation's great heritage; and

**Hipereas**, The Grant Monument Association is celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the birthday of President Ulysses S. Grant; and

**Hipereas**, Born in Point Pleasant, Ohio, on April 27, 1822, President Grant served this country with honor and distinction as a member of the Union Army during the Civil War, during which time he became lauded as the principal author of the Union victory. He accepted the surrender of General Robert E. Lee in Appomattox, Virginia, on April 9, 1865, which ended the Civil War, and his magnanimous surrender terms helped to reunite the nation and won him the gratitude of those who had fought his armies on the battlefield. Elected President of the United States in 1868 and reelected in 1872, President Grant was instrumental in the ratification of the 15th Amendment and the creation of the Department of Justice, several Enforcement Acts and a Civil Rights Act. He also achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain. To his great credit, President Grant is honored in Fairmont Park in Philadelphia with a grand equestrian statue designed by Daniel Chester French and Edward Clark Potter, which was dedicated in 1899.

**Note therefore**, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins with the Grant Monument Association as it commemorates the two hundredth anniversary of the birthday of President Ulysses S. Grant;

**And directs** that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Bryan Cutler on May 18, 2022, be transmitted to the Grant Monument Association, PO Box 1088, New York, New York 10150.



Bryan Cutler, Speaker of the House

Attest:

Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House