



JIMMY CARTER

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As a boy growing up in Georgia, I was not taught to admire Union General Ulysses S. Grant. In latter years, I learned to appreciate him. His military skill and leadership were vital in saving the Union. When he became President, he worked both to restore and to transform the South. He advocated amnesty for Confederate soldiers but insisted that they must accept the full citizenship of African Americans. Celebrating the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, he sought to protect the right of African Americans to vote and hold public office, to be educated, and to live free from violence.

I also admire him for signing the act establishing Yellowstone as the first national park. Rosalynn and I are pleased to join our fellow citizens in celebrating the 200th birthday of President Ulysses S. Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.