

# Proclamation



## ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

APRIL 27, 2022

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago, on April 27, 1822, and the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial in Washington, DC, was dedicated on April 27, 1922, on President Grant's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grant fought gallantly during the Mexican-American War and, after offering his services to the Union Army, rose to the position of General-in-Chief and was the principal architect of the Union Army victory in the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, General Grant was elected as the nation's 18<sup>th</sup> President, serving from 1869 until 1877; and

WHEREAS, President Grant secured the ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, prohibiting racial discrimination with respect to voting rights, and signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice and a Civil Rights Act that upheld 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments; and

WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the Treaty of Washington which inaugurated permanent peaceful relations between the U.S. and Canada and between the U.S. and Britain, and established the principle of international arbitration as a means of peacefully resolving international disputes; and

WHEREAS, President Grant's appointees to the District of Columbia government made vast improvements to the city, ushering in a new, modern era of Washington, DC:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as "ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY" in Washington, DC.

