

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago, in Point Pleasant, Ohio, on April 27, 1822; and

WHEREAS, Grant fought gallantly during the Mexican-American War; and

WHEREAS, Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Grant offered his services to the Union cause, and rose to be supreme commander of the Union armies in 1864; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his battles and campaigns, including at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness Campaign, the Petersburg Campaign, and the Appomattox Campaign, General Grant was the principal author of Union victory; and

WHEREAS, General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, marked the virtual end of the Civil War. General Grant's magnanimous surrender terms won him the gratitude of those who had fought his armies on the battlefield and helped reunite the nation. His military victory also enabled the emancipation of enslaved people; and

WHEREAS, General Grant was twice elected president, in 1868 and 1872, both times winning Kansas; and

WHEREAS, As president, he secured, with the support of Kansas, the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. President Grant also signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice, several Enforcement Acts, and a Civil Rights Act that upheld Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights. He pushed prosecution efforts that crushed the nineteenth-century Ku Klux Klan; and

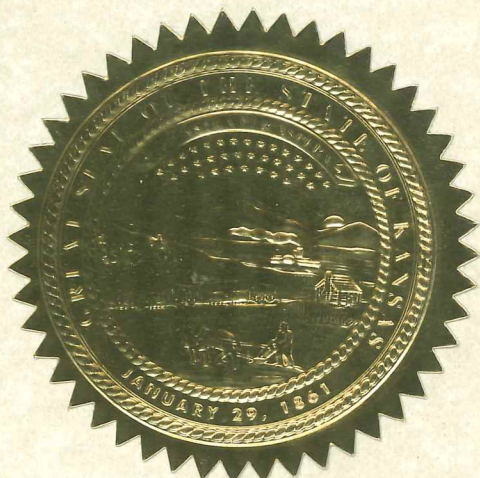
WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war. The Treaty of Washington helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for the peaceful resolution of major international disputes; and

WHEREAS, His Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant stands as one of the greatest works of American literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022 as

Ulysses S. Grant Day

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 27th day of
April, A.D. 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Jennifer Leach
Assistant Secretary of State