

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS Mississippi State University is the home of the *Ulysses S. Grant Association*, and the *Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library*; and

WHEREAS Grant fought gallantly during the Mexican American War and, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, offered his services to the Union cause, rising to be the Commanding General of the Union armies in 1864; and

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

WHEREAS General Robert E. Lee's April 9, 1865, surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox, marked the virtual end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS General Grant's magnanimous surrender terms with General Lee won him the gratitude of those who had fought his armies on the battlefield and helped reunite the nation in the spirit of President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address "*to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan ~ to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.*" and

WHEREAS at the 1868 Republican National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, Ulysses S. Grant was the foremost candidate for the Republican Party for the 1868 presidential election

WHEREAS President Ulysses S. Grant was elected and served as the nation's eighteenth president for two terms from 1869 and 1877; and

WHEREAS as President, Grant secured, with Mississippi's support, the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, the creation of the Department of Justice, the passage of a Civil Rights Act that upheld Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights, and other significant benchmarks, including the signing of the Treaty of Washington, the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act establishing the world's first national park, and his Indian Peace Policy with the appointment of Ely S. Parker to serve as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs who as a member of the Seneca tribe was the first Native American to hold a federal appointment; and

WHEREAS Grant's *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* written shortly before his death in 1885, stands as one of the greatest works of American literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time; and

WHEREAS in light of the historic importance and the many contributions of Ulysses S. Grant, it is fitting to recognize the Bicentennial anniversary of his birth and to further our education on his life and legacy with the resources of the *Ulysses S. Grant Association*, and the *Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library* that have greatly contributed to Mississippi State University and the State of Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as

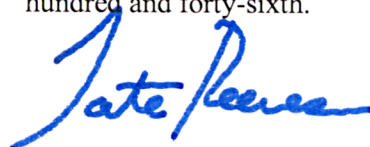
ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 8th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.



TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR