



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Grant was stationed with the Fourth U.S. Infantry at Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis following his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1843 and fought gallantly during the Mexican-American War; and

WHEREAS, Grant was married to Julia Boggs Dent in Saint Louis on August 22, 1848 and lived with his family in or near St. Louis between 1854 and 1860; and

WHEREAS, Grant's home at White Haven has been preserved for the education and enjoyment of the public since 1989 as a national park, the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Grant offered his services to the Union cause, and in August 1861, he was promoted to brigadier general and assumed command of a military district in Ironton, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, General Grant fought his first battle as a general in Belmont, Missouri, on November 7, 1861, 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 served as the nation's eighteenth president between 1869 and 1877, and as president, he secured, with Missouri's support, the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. He 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, to be

ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in Missouri, and encourage all residents to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, to further education on his life and legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to the country he embodied.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of March, 2022.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE