



STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

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 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 Nebraska; and

WHEREAS,

As president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. Nebraska ratified the Amendment on February 17, 1870. 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, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 27th day of April, 2022 as

ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, to further their education on his life and legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to country he embodied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Second day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-two.

Attest:



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Secretary of State

Pete Ricketts

Governor