

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Hiram Ulysses Grant was born April 27, 1822, acquiring the name Ulysses S. Grant when a congressman mistakenly used it on his nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point, leading to the nickname Uncle Sam by classmates; and
- WHEREAS,** following his graduation from West Point, Grant fought gallantly in the Mexican-American War, later resigning from the Army to be with family and re-enlisting following the Confederate firing on Fort Sumter in April 1861; and
- WHEREAS,** from his leadership and victories at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and the Wilderness, Petersburg, and Appomattox Campaigns to his commissioning as Lieutenant General of all Union Armies to the Confederate surrender at Appomattox Court House, Ulysses S. Grant proved to be one of our country's most brilliant military commanders; and
- WHEREAS,** elected the 18th president of the United States in 1868 and re-elected to a second term in 1872, Ulysses S. Grant assumed leadership of a troubled nation recovering from a devastating war; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to his work to re-unify and preserve our country, President Grant pushed for the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment and signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice, Enforcement Acts, and the Civil Rights Act of 1875 on the domestic front and, in foreign policy, secured approval of the Treaty of Washington which helped establish international arbitration as a means to peacefully resolve major international disputes; and
- WHEREAS,** this year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Ulysses S. Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as

ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, learn more about his life and legacy, and work together to advance the highest principles of service to country he embodied.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster", is written over a white background.

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA