
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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 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, Grant was the principal author of Union victory. General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to him at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, marked the virtual end of the Civil War; and
- WHEREAS,** after he was nominated by the Republican Party, Grant was twice elected president, in 1868 and 1872, both times winning Iowa. As president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. That amendment became part of the Constitution upon Iowa's approval on February 3, 1870; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war; and
- WHEREAS,** his Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant stand as one of the greatest works of American literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 27th, 2022 as

ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

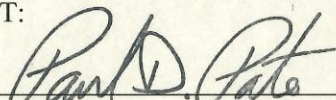
in Iowa, and I ask all citizens to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, to further education on his life and legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to country he embodied.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 26 DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE