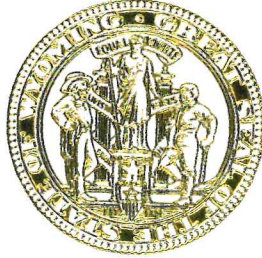


Governor's Proclamation



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

WHEREAS, as president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. 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, in 1872, Grant signed into law the creation of Yellowstone as the first national park; and


WHEREAS, His Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant stands as one of the greatest works of American literature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as

Ulysses S. Grant Day

in the State of Wyoming, and I ask Wyoming residents to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, to further educate on his life and legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to country that he embodied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 27th day of April, 2022.


The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming