



# *The Hawaii State Legislature*

hereby presents this certificate to

## **ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY** **April 27, 2022**

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

WHEREAS, upon the outbreak of the American Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant offered his services to the Union and was promoted to Lieutenant General and named 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, Ulysses S. Grant led the Union armies to a triumphant victory; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, marking the end of the American Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant's magnanimous surrender terms helped reunite the nation by winning him the gratitude of those who had fought against his armies on the battlefield; his military victory also enabled the emancipation of enslaved people; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant served as the nation's eighteenth president between 1869 and 1877; during his time in office, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights, 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, and pushed prosecution efforts that crushed the nineteenth-century Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including successfully negotiating the Treaty of Washington, which helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for the peaceful resolution of major international disputes; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant also secured an 1875 commercial reciprocity treaty with the Hawaiian Kingdom that ultimately paved the way for the Hawaiian Islands to join the Union; and

WHEREAS, his autobiography, *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*, stands as one of the greatest works of American literature and one of the most exceptional military autobiographies of all time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2022, that this body hereby recognizes April 27, 2022, as ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY to celebrate the memory of Ulysses S. Grant, further education on his life and legacy, and advance the highest principles of service to one's country which he embodied.

The 31<sup>ST</sup> Legislature, 2022

Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House

Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate

Brian L. Takeshita, House Chief Clerk

Carol Taniguchi, Senate Chief Clerk