

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago, in Point Pleasant, Ohio, on April 27, 1822; and
- WHEREAS, General Grant had several Kentucky connections. He attended the Maysville Seminary in his youth. As an adult, he made numerous visits to his parents' home in Covington. His earliest feats as a general during the Civil War included the occupation of Paducah and the Battle of Belmont, which is commemorated at the Columbus-Belmont State Park; and
- WHEREAS, During the Civil War, General Grant was the principal author of Union victory, rising to be supreme commander of the Union armies in 1864; and
- WHEREAS, General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, marked the virtual end of the Civil War; and
- WHEREAS, General Grant served as the nation's eighteenth president between 1869 and 1877. As president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. He also signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice, several Enforcement Acts, and a Civil Rights Act that protected Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights; and
- WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as

## ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in Kentucky, and ask the citizens of the Commonwealth 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.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the 230<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Andy Beshear*

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GOVERNOR

*Michael G. Adams*

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Secretary of State