

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

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. Over the course of his battles and campaigns, 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 18th president between 1869 and 1877. He secured the ratification of the 15th 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 14th and 15th 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 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:

Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022, as

ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this thirtieth day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:



Steven J. Barnett, Secretary of State

