



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 27, 2022, will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of our nation's eighteenth president, Ulysses S. Grant; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio, on April 27, 1822; after graduating from West Point Military Academy, he fought gallantly in the Mexican-American War under General Zachary Taylor; and

WHEREAS, while working in his father's leather store in Galena, Illinois, at the outbreak of the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant was appointed by the governor to command a volunteer regiment; within a few months, he had risen to the rank of brigadier general of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, seeking to win control of the Mississippi Valley, Ulysses S. Grant took Fort Henry and attacked Fort Donelson in February 1862; over the course of many hard-fought battles and campaigns, including Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness Campaign, the Petersburg Campaign, and the Appomattox Campaign, Ulysses S. Grant rose to become supreme commander of the Union Army and the principal author of Union victory; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox Court House, all but marking the end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was sworn in as the eighteenth president of the United States on March 4, 1869, and completed his second term in office on March 4, 1877; and

WHEREAS, as president, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, the establishment of the Department of Justice, and the passage of every federal law that enforced equal rights pursuant to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments prior to the advent of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war, and helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means of resolving international disputes through the implementation of the Treaty of Washington; and

WHEREAS, late in life, he published his autobiography, Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant, which stands as one of the preeminent works of American literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time; and

WHEREAS, President Ulysses S. Grant demonstrated a distinctive sense of humility, moral courage, and determination in service to our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, at the request of and in conjunction with Representative Kevin Vaughan, do hereby proclaim that we commemorate the 200th anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant's birth on April 27, 2022, recognizing the highest principles of service to country that he embodied as we pay tribute to his accomplishments and legacy.

PROCLAIMED in Nashville, Tennessee, on this
the 18th day of February 2022.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

KEVIN VAUGHAN, REPRESENTATIVE
95TH HOUSE DISTRICT