



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Office of the Governor

Glenn Youngkin
Governor

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I extend warm greetings to all who are honoring the bicentennial celebration of the birth of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. This occasion presents an opportunity to educate Virginians and all Americans about Grant's contributions to the nation.

An 1843 West Point graduate and United States Army soldier, Ulysses S. Grant first served during the Mexican-American War under General Zachary Taylor, and served as the Commanding General of the United States Army whose leadership turned the tide for the Union in the Civil War. General Grant negotiated the terms that marked the end of the Civil War at Appomattox Court House and began the long efforts for national reconciliation. As the youngest president in the history of the young republic, President Grant led the United States through Reconstruction, serving two terms from 1869-1877 as our country's second Republican President.

During this time of reflection on the accomplishments of this unyielding soldier, let us join together with Americans across the country to celebrate President Ulysses S. Grant and better understand his life and service that changed the shape of our nation and began a reconciliation process that continues today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Youngkin".

Glenn Youngkin