



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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, he offered his services to the Union cause and rose to be 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, 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, after he was nominated by the Republican Party, General Grant was twice elected president, in 1868 and 1872; and

WHEREAS, as president, he secured, with Alabama's support, the ratification of the Fifteenth 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 Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace. The Treaty of Washington helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for the peaceful resolution of major international disputes; and

WHEREAS, his Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant stands as one of the greatest works of American literature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2022 as

Ulysses S. Grant Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20th day of April 2022.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor