

New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate

JOINT DECLARATION

In Recognition of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was an American military officer and 18th President of the United States. He was born 200 years ago in Point Pleasant, Ohio on April 27, 1822; and

WHEREAS, as Commanding General, he led the Union Army to victory in the American Civil War, where General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, ultimately marking the end of the Civil War. This victory enabled the emancipation of enslaved people; and

WHEREAS, General Grant was twice elected president, in 1868 and 1872, both times winning New Hampshire and as President, he secured with New Hampshire'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 the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights. He pushed prosecution efforts that crushed the nineteenth-century Ku Klux Klan; and


WHEREAS, President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace and his *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* stands as one of the greatest American works of American literature; and

DECLARED, that the General Court of New Hampshire honors the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant in recognition of the bicentennial of his birth in 2022, and be it further

DECLARED, by virtue of our signatures inscribed below, the General Court of New Hampshire encourages the people of the Granite State 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 the country he embodied.

Dated this 22nd Day of July, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two




Sherman A. Packard
Speaker of the House


Charles W. Morse
Senate President