



BARACK OBAMA

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It's an honor to join the Ulysses S. Grant Association and Americans across the country in celebrating President Grant's 200th birthday.

On the battlefield, President Grant kept our Union intact with remarkable courage and perseverance. In the White House, he took on the Ku Klux Klan, championed the 15th Amendment, and established the Department of Justice. With these actions and more, he laid the groundwork for equal rights for Black Americans and strengthened a fractured nation.

In the years following his presidency, forces of division and hate have threatened these achievements, but the Union he fought so hard to preserve has held. This bicentennial provides us all an opportunity to recommit ourselves to President Grant's vision of a more equal and just America. Continuing to nurture and protect our democracy is the most powerful tribute we can pay to his legacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.