



# MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Attn: Ramon Mangual

It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all who are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of General and President Ulysses S. Grant this year. This occasion presents an opportunity to educate Montanans and all Americans about Ulysses S. Grant's contributions to the nation, both military and political.

After the breakout of the Civil War, Grant offered his services to the Union cause, and over the course of his battles and campaigns he became the principal author of the Union victory. When General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, Grant's magnanimous surrender terms won him the gratitude of those who had fought his armies on the battlefield and helped reunite the nation.

While I cannot find evidence that President Grant ever visited the Montana territory, he supported the building of the intercontinental railroad and signed into law the creation of Yellowstone National Park as the first of our country's national parks.

In recognition of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial, I encourage Montanans 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 country that he embodied.

Thank you for your work on behalf of this great American.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark Blasdel".

Mark Blasdel  
President of the Montana Senate