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Governor

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With major military and political contributions to America, General and President Ulysses S. Grant was an instrumental figure in this country's history. Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago on April 27, 1822. Over the course of the Civil War, Grant offered his services to the Union cause, and became the principal author of Union victory. When General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army to General Grant on April 9, 1865, Grant's surrender terms helped reunite the nation. His military victory also helped enable the emancipation of enslaved people.

General Grant served as the nation's eighteenth president between 1869 and 1877. While in office, he secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. He also signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice and a Civil Rights Act that upheld Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights.

President Grant also achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war. The Treaty of Washington helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for peaceful resolution of disputes.

In recognition of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial, I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, encourage all Oregonians to advance the highest principles of public service.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown



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OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

It is my pleasure to celebrate the bicentennial birthday of our 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant. President Grant served our nation with the utmost honor in his capacity as Commanding General of the U.S. Army during the Civil War, and carefully led our country through Reconstruction and reunification. All Americans can be proud of his accomplishments in the pursuit of civil rights, racial equality, and reconciliation of a divided country.

Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago, on April 27th, 1822. After his graduation from West Point and military service in the Mexican-American War, Grant offered extended service to President Lincoln in furtherance of the Union cause. His historic meeting at Appomattox Courthouse where General Lee surrendered his Army brought an end to the Civil War, enabled the emancipation of enslaved people, and initiated the reunification of a war-torn nation.

While the state narrowly went to Grant's opponent in the 1868 election, Oregon was proud to send the President back to the White House in 1872 by overwhelming margins. During his time in office, President Grant secured the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibited racial discrimination with respect to voting rights; passed one of the first Civil Rights Acts, and signed into law legislation creating Department of Justice. He appointed an Oregonian, Senator George Henry Williams to lead the department, serving as the 32nd Attorney General of the United States.

President Grant helped restore America's standing in the world and achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war. The Treaty of Washington helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for the peaceful resolution of major international disputes.

The 18th president left a substantial mark on Oregon as well. The town of Grants Pass, Oregon and its respective post office is proud to derive its name from the late General, honoring his victory at Vicksburg in 1865. Grant County, established in 1864, is also named in tribute to the Union General's efforts in the Civil War.

The life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant is a testament to what is possible in the United States, and the progress that has been made in the pursuit of a more perfect Union. His service is an example of what it means to be an American and a public servant.

In recognition of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial, I encourage all Oregonians to celebrate the memory of President Grant, to further educate ourselves on his life and legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to country he embodied.

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