

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

WHEREAS, Ulysses S. Grant was a military hero, emancipator, civil rights leader, and the 18<sup>th</sup> President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Grant family has its history in the State of Connecticut, having landed here after sailing from England in the 1600s and settling in the Town of Windsor, and later in the Western Reserve area of Ohio that was once a part of the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, as Commanding General, Ulysses S. Grant led the Union Army including volunteers from the State of Connecticut to victory in the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his battles and campaigns – including at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness and Petersburg Campaigns – he was the principal author of the Union victory marked by the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox; and

WHEREAS, the victory of the Union Army, led by Grant, enabled the emancipation of enslaved people, and later as the 18<sup>th</sup> President he would go on to secure the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment prohibiting racial discrimination with respect to voting rights; and

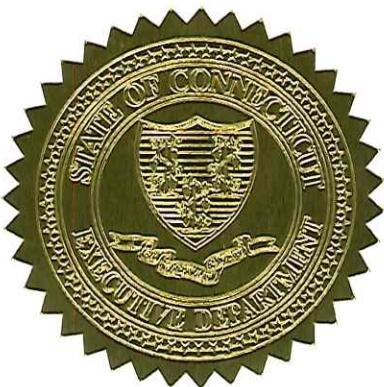
WHEREAS, as President, Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace – including successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain – that threatened war and the Treaty of Washington, which helped establish the principle of international arbitration as a means for the peaceful resolution of major international disputes; and

WHEREAS, the *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* – inspired by Grant's dear friend and Hartford's most famous resident, Mark Twain – stands as one of the greatest works of American Literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the day of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, to be

## ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY

in the State of Connecticut.



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