



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, First Lady Julia Dent Grant was born 200 years ago, in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 26, 1826, and she married future General and President Ulysses S. Grant in St. Louis on August 22, 1848; and

WHEREAS, Ulysses and Julia Grant lived in St. Louis from 1854 to 1860 and later became owners of Julia's childhood home, White Haven, which today is administered by the National Park Service as the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, a steady source of support to her husband, Mrs. Grant traveled extensively to be with General Grant when possible, covering over 10,000 miles during the Civil War and, on one occasion, was almost captured by Confederate forces; and

WHEREAS, General Grant served as president of the United States for two full terms, between 1869 and 1877, during which time Mrs. Grant was one of the three longest-serving first ladies prior to Eleanor Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant was a particularly active and popular first lady for the time, one who met with cabinet members, senators, and Supreme Court justices; attended Senate hearings; and perused the president's mail; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant had the White House refurbished extensively, including the family quarters, executive quarters, and a grand makeover of the East Room that made it one of the most celebrated interiors of the time; and

WHEREAS, after her husband left the White House, Mrs. Grant accompanied him on a storied two-and-a-half-year trip around the world. She served as a goodwill ambassador for the United States during those travels and enjoyed a warm reception in foreign countries, a reflection of the unprecedented standing of our country; and

WHEREAS, in 1898, Mrs. Grant served as president of the Women's National War Relief Association, which mobilized donations of supplies to American troops fighting during the Spanish-American War, the first time a former first lady assumed formal leadership for such a large public undertaking; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grant was the earliest first lady to write her memoirs, published posthumously.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2026, to be

JULIA DENT GRANT DAY

in Missouri, to further education on her life legacy, and to advance the highest principles of service to country that she and President Grant embodied.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 17th day of December 2025.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE