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Dear Friends,

As governor of Michigan, it is my pleasure to recognize and honor First Lady Julia Dent Grant on the occasion of her 200th birthday.

Mrs. Grant was one of the three longest-serving first ladies prior to Eleanor Roosevelt and continuously demonstrated her dedication to her husband and her country. As first lady, Mrs. Grant made extensive improvements to the White House, met with cabinet members and Supreme Court justices, and attended Senate hearings. She set an active precedent for the role of First Lady, traveling extensively and serving as a virtual good-will ambassador for the United States. Even after her tenure as First Lady, Mrs. Grant dedicated herself to the American people through her service as president of the Women's National War Relief Association, which provided supplies to American soldiers during the Spanish-American war.

Today, on the occasion of her 200th birthday, I join in honoring the legacy of Julia Dent Grant and send my sincerest gratitude for her contributions to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan