

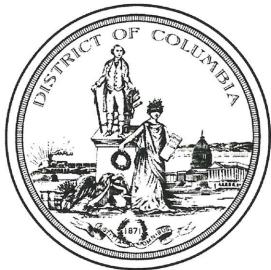


# *In Memory of* *Julia Dent Grant*

January 26, 2026

**WHEREAS**, today, on the bicentennial of her birth, we honor the life and legacy of Julia Dent Grant, a first lady, goodwill ambassador, and longtime resident of our nation's capital; and

**WHEREAS**, born Julia Boggs Dent in Missouri, Mrs. Grant married Ulysses S. Grant more than 20 years before his election as the 18<sup>th</sup> U.S. president; and



**WHEREAS**, as first lady, Mrs. Grant was a steady source of support to her husband and his officers during the Civil War, joining him on the front lines and acting as a social and diplomatic asset, all while managing household affairs and caring for their four children; and

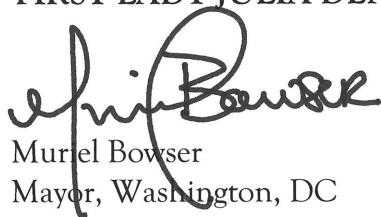
**WHEREAS**, unlike many previous first ladies who stayed out of the spotlight, Mrs. Grant met with Cabinet members, U.S. Senators, Supreme Court justices, and guests from the North and the South – acting as a bridge between the sides during and after the war; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Grant led an extensive refurbishment of the White House that made its interior one of the most celebrated of the time, and spent her final years in a Massachusetts Avenue residence, acting as an elder stateswoman of Washington and writing her memoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, Julia Dent Grant was a trailblazing first lady who reimagined the office, elevating it into a beacon of culture, unity, and enduring national dignity:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC,**  
do hereby proclaim January 26, 2026, as a day of remembrance for  
**“FIRST LADY JULIA DENT GRANT.”**



  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor, Washington, DC