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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to recognize First Lady Julia Dent Grant, the wife of our 18th President of the United States of America, Ulysses S. Grant, in commemoration of her 200th birthday.

Mrs. Grant was one of the three longest-serving First Ladies prior to Eleanor Roosevelt. She was an active and popular First Lady, and in her prestigious role, she demonstrated her dedication to her husband and her country. She shared her husband's views on voting and civil rights and directed her public receptions at the White House to be open to everyone regardless of race or class. During the Civil War, she traveled extensively covering over 10,000 miles as a steady source of support. She also attended Senate hearings and met with countless cabinet members, senators, and Supreme Court Justices. Mrs. Grant would go on to enjoy time at a cottage she and President Grant called their "summer White House."

Following the President's retirement, the First Lady traveled with her husband on their world tour and, in 1898, served as President of the Women's National War Relief Association.

Notably, today's date provides an opportune time to highlight and celebrate this remarkable woman for her dedication, her courage and service to the United States of America. New Jersey, alongside the Ulysses S. Grant Association (USGA) wishes First Lady Julia Dent Grant a Happy Birthday and joins with you to celebrate this incredible milestone.

Congratulations on this wonderful milestone, and Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mikie Sherrill".

Mikie Sherrill
Governor