

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Ulysses S. Grant was born 200 years ago, in Point Pleasant, Ohio, on April 27, 1822; and

WHEREAS: Grant fought gallantly during the Mexican-American War, and, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, offered his services to the Union Cause, eventually becoming supreme commander of the Union forces in 1864; and

WHEREAS: Over the course of his battles and campaigns at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, the Wilderness Campaign, the Petersburg Campaign, and the Appomattox Campaign, General Grant was the principal author of Union victory; and

WHEREAS: General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, marked the end of the Civil War. General Grant's magnanimous surrender terms won him the gratitude of those who had fought his armies on the battlefield and helped reunite the nation. His military victory also enabled the emancipation of enslaved people; and

WHEREAS: General Grant was twice elected president, in 1868 and 1872, winning Arkansas both times. As president, he secured, with Arkansas's support, the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibits racial discrimination with respect to voting rights. He also signed into law the creation of the Department of Justice, several Enforcement Acts, and a Civil Rights Act that upheld Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment rights. He pushed prosecution efforts that crushed the 19<sup>th</sup> century Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS: President Grant achieved significant benchmarks in peace, including the successful resolution of disputes with Spain and Great Britain that threatened war. The Treaty of Washington 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 stands as one of the greatest works of American literature and one of the greatest military autobiographies of all time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as

**ULYSSES S. GRANT DAY IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to celebrate the memory of President Ulysses S. Grant, to further education on his life and legacy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2022.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

  
John Thurston, Secretary of State