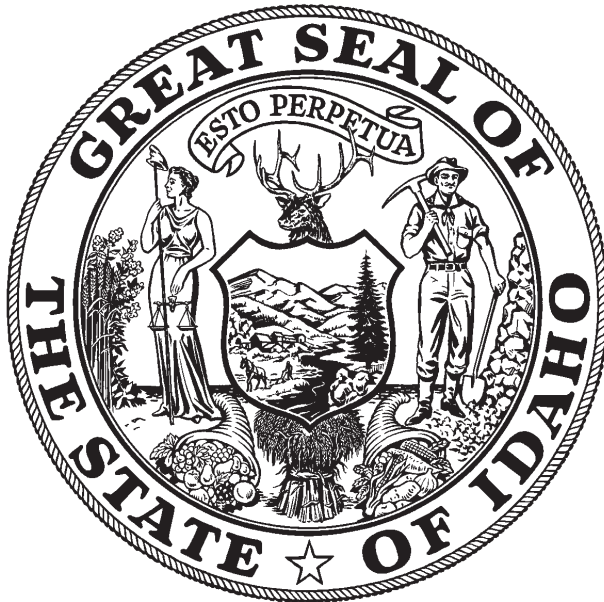


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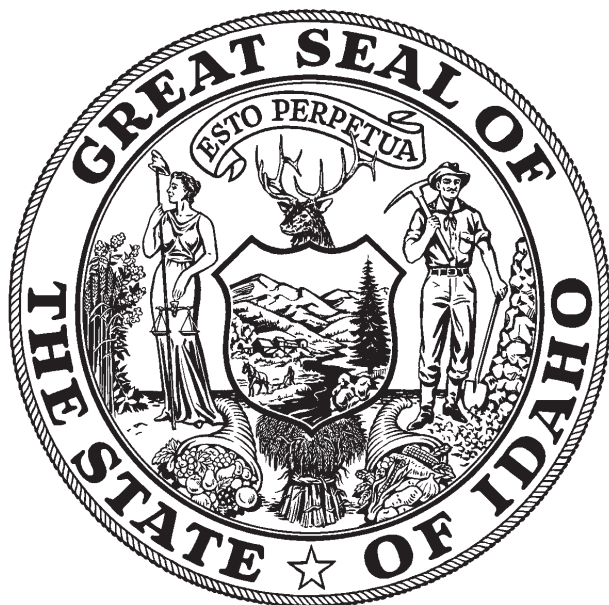
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My Fellow Idahoans:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this seventeenth edition of the *Idaho Blue Book*, the official manual of the State of Idaho. This publication contains a wealth of information relating to all state officers, state institutions, boards and commissions, and county officers of the state. You will also find election results, historical and statistical information.

We have attempted to maintain a tradition of quality and to keep the content true to the needs and desires of the people of Idaho.

I am grateful to all who have contributed to this publication and I sincerely invite your suggestions for improvement of future editions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA  
Secretary of State

## *Pete T. Cenarrusa*

Born in Carey, Idaho December 16, 1917 to Joe and Ramona Cenarrusa, immigrants from the Basque Country of northern Spain; graduated from the University of Idaho with B.S. in Agriculture. High school educator - Cambridge, Carey and Glens Ferry, started first agricultural classes in Cambridge and Carey schools; Blaine County Veteran's on Farm Training instructor; Marine Naval aviator World War II Corsair fighter pilot, retired as Major. Elected State Representative in 1950, served 9 terms, 3 terms as Speaker of the House. Appointed May 1, 1967 as Secretary of State, elected in 1970 and reelected in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994 and 1998. Lifetime farmer, rancher, woolgrower and has championed agriculture in all facets of government. Member of Catholic church, Elks, Euzkaldunak and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Inducted into five Halls of Fame: Agriculture, Athletic, Idaho, Republican and Basque, and was awarded the "Prestigious Basque of the World" medal in January of 2001 in Bilbao, Basque Country. Idaho Chairman, Citizens for America and Reagan-Bush '84. Pilot with over 59 years without an accident and over 15,000 hours of flying. Member of U of I 1940 Intercollegiate National Championship Boxing Team. Served as constitutionally elected state official with combined service in the legislature and executive branch under the capitol dome longer than any person in the history of the state of Idaho, having served continuously over 52 years. Associated with family livestock operation. Married to Freda Coates for over fifty years, their beloved son Joe died in an airplane crash in 1997.



*As I contemplated to whom this Blue Book should be dedicated only one person came to mind -- Pete T. Cenarrusa. Pete served the citizens of Idaho for a record fifty-two years as an Idaho State Representative, Speaker of the House, and Secretary of State. Any dedication to Pete would be incomplete without acknowledging the ardent and constant support of his wife Freda. Pete, a successful rancher, will long be remembered as a leader of Idaho's Basque community.*

*He is the epitome of a true public servant, and is respected and admired by all Idahoans for his integrity and passionate devotion to making government more accessible and responsive to citizen's needs.*

*It is my honor and privilege to dedicate this seventeenth edition of the Idaho Blue Book to Pete T. Cenarrusa*

*Ben Yursa*

## PREFACE

The *Idaho Blue Book* is a publication which serves as a biennial manual of information on our state and its government, both past and present. This 17th edition details the structure of federal, state and county government in Idaho and includes biographies of the elected officials. The 2003-2004 edition also contains historical and statistical information about Idaho, as well as information about the state's economy and people. The book is distributed free to all schools and libraries in the state upon request.

The Blue Book received its name not from the color of its cover but rather by definition of content. *Bartlett's Dictionary of Americanisms* defines the term Blue Book as "a printed book containing the names of all persons holding office under the Government of the United States. It answers the Red Book of England." Individual states have taken this concept and expanded it to include a wealth of information about state officials and resources as well as statistical and historical profiles.

This office has striven for the greatest accuracy possible with this type of publication; however, because of the constant changes in appointments, some information contained within the section on Governor's Appointments is out of date even as this book is being printed.

I would like to thank the many individuals, including state, federal and local government officials, whose assistance helped make the 2003-2004 edition possible. My special thanks go to Miren Artiach for her diligence in providing the most accurate information on appointments to boards and commissions and to those who provided photo contributions. I hope that the readers will find the *Idaho Blue Book* to be an interesting and useful reference on the State of Idaho.



Marilyn Johnson  
Editor