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My Fellow Idahoans:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this eighteenth 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,

Ben Ysursa
Secretary of State
DEDICATION

For their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our state and country, Idaho men and women serving in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, deserve, and have, our heartfelt thanks and honor.

We pray that all will return safely to their families who have sacrificed greatly for the good of our nation.

It is with the utmost pride, admiration, and profound gratitude that I dedicate this 2005-2006 edition of the Idaho Blue Book to all of Idaho's servicemen and servicewomen.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE
PREFACE

This is the eighteenth edition of the Idaho Blue Book, which is published biennially in odd-numbered years under the direction of the Secretary of State. The 2005-2006 edition contains constitutional, historical and statistical information about the state of Idaho. It also details the structure of Idaho's government and includes biographies of elected officials. 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of the constant changes in appointments, some information contained within the section on Governor's Appointments is out of date even as this book is being printed.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 2005-2006 edition possible. I am grateful to Miren Artiach for her diligence in providing the most accurate information on appointments to boards and commissions. My thanks also goes to Steve Lee for his 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