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My Fellow Idahoans:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this nineteenth 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
BEN YSURSA
Secretary of State
DEDICATION

Cecil D. Andrus

Cecil D. Andrus is a unique individual in the history of public service in Idaho. On November 6, 1990 he became the first person in the history of Idaho to be elected governor four different times (1970, 1974, 1986 and 1990). Governor Andrus also became a member of the Presidential Cabinet where he served as Secretary of the Interior from 1977-1981. When he retired from public service in January 1995, he was the senior governor in the United States in length of service.

During his years in public service, he championed protection of wild and scenic rivers and the passage of local land-use planning laws, and he helped engineer a comprehensive agreement between industry and conservation groups to assure the protection of Idaho’s water quality. Andrus is the leader of the fight to save the salmon of the Northwest from extinction. Like most Idahoans, he loves the outdoors and hunts and fishes whenever he can.

Andrus spent his boyhood on a farm in logging country where his father operated a sawmill. Later, Andrus worked in the northern Idaho woods as a lumberjack and helped operate a sawmill in the Idaho lumber town of Orofino. He began his political career in 1960 when, at age 29, he was elected to the Idaho State Senate from Clearwater County. He served four terms in the Idaho legislature, interrupted in 1966 by an unsuccessful run for Governor. Andrus was elected Governor in 1970 and re-elected in 1974. Following his return from Washington D.C. he was elected again in 1986 and was re-elected in 1990.

Cecil Andrus is one of the finest leaders to have ever served the State of Idaho. He often demonstrated a special ability to bring diverse views to the table and craft a workable solution. Cece remains active in the public arena, still exercising his greatest talent - problem solving.

It is with great pride, that I dedicate the 2007-2008 edition of the Idaho Blue Book to Cecil Andrus.

Ben Ysursa
SECRETARY OF STATE
PREFACE

This is the nineteenth edition of the Idaho Blue Book, which is published biennially in odd-numbered years under the direction of the Secretary of State. The 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 edition possible. I would also like to thank all the people at Caxton Printers who make production of this book possible, especially Dennis Pattee whose technical expertise is invaluable.

I would like to thank Marilyn Johnson, the previous editor, for all of her help, advice and support in my debut at editing this book. 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 all those who contributed photos to this edition. I hope that the readers will find the Idaho Blue Book to be an interesting and useful reference on the State of Idaho.

Patricia Herman
Editor