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Dear Fellow Missourians,

Thank you for allowing me to present the *2021–2022 Missouri Official Manual*, more commonly known as the “*Blue Book*” - dating back to 1878. The Office of the Secretary of State publishes the “*Blue Book*” every two years. Within the *Official Manual*, you will find comprehensive information on federal and state government officials, state and county agencies, elections, political parties, state personnel and other individuals and entities.

This edition commemorates Missouri’s Bicentennial, recognizing 200 years of statehood. On Aug. 10, 1821, Missouri became the twenty-fourth state admitted into the Union, following the passage of the Missouri Compromise by Congress in 1820. Over the span of 200 years, the state has seen many figures play a role in its history including Susan Blow, Daniel Boone, George Washington Carver, William Clark, Sacajawea, Harry S. Truman, Mark Twain and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

As secretary of state, I was able to take part in many events celebrating the Bicentennial. Several divisions within my office took part in the Missouri Bicentennial Commission’s Time Capsule project, representing the state’s past, present and future. Items placed in the capsule included several historical documents from the Missouri State Archives and a letter asking tomorrow’s Missourians to preserve freedom for all generations.

The Blue Book’s feature article, written by United States Senator Roy Blunt, reflects on the long list of celebrated individuals who contributed to 200 years of Missouri history. First elected to the Senate in 2010, Blunt spent time as a U.S. representative from 1997–2011, and served as Missouri’s thirty-third secretary of state from 1985–1993. Thank you, Senator Blunt, for your contributions to this edition of the Blue Book and for your service to our country.

Foremost, I want to thank all Missourians for 200 years of progress. Together we stand, divided we fall.

Sincerely,

John R. Ashcroft  
Secretary of State

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