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Dear Fellow Missourians,

Missouri is a state rich in heritage, opportunity, and resilience. It's an honor to serve as your secretary of state and to help preserve the stories and systems that define who we are. Since 1878, the Missouri Secretary of State's Office has published the *Missouri Official Manual*, commonly known as the "Blue Book," to serve as a trusted guide to our state's government, people, and progress.

I am pleased to present the 2025–2026 edition of the *Official Manual*. In these pages, you'll find a comprehensive directory of federal, state, and local officials, as well as details about elections, state agencies, and the structure of Missouri's government. But beyond that, each edition of the manual also highlights the history, identity, and shared values of our great state.

This year's edition includes two special features. We honor the life and legacy of former Missouri Governor and U.S. Senator Kit Bond, whose decades of service helped shape modern Missouri and whose leadership made a lasting impact at both the state and national level. We also celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66—born in Missouri and now etched into the fabric of American culture as the "Mother Road," written by a leading local author on the subject. The highway's centennial is a testament to Missouri's pivotal role in connecting people and places across the nation.

I'm also pleased to announce the return of our statewide photo contests—this year celebrating "Man's Best Friend" and "Missouri Sunrises." The first is a tribute to our state's historical dog, Old Drum, and to the loyal companions who enrich our lives every day. The second showcases the beauty of our Missouri mornings—because each new sunrise brings fresh promise for our families, neighbors, and communities in this remarkable state we call home.

As always, this publication is the result of detailed research, careful documentation, and a commitment to making the Missouri government accessible and transparent. I want to especially thank Publications Director Julie Stegeman, whose dedication and experience have guided the production of the *Official Manual*.

Thank you for your trust, your service to your communities, and your continued investment in Missouri's future. Together, we keep our state strong, free, and forward-moving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Hoskins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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