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Dear Fellow Missourians:

I am pleased to present to you the exciting new *Official Manual, State of Missouri* for 2005–2006. Within these pages you will find an overview of your county, state, and federal government. The *Official Manual*, often referred to as the “*Blue Book*,” has served as a window on the workings and structure of government since it was first published in 1889.

Inspiration for the 65th edition of the *Manual* comes from an old hymn familiar to many Missourians: “How Firm a Foundation.” A solid base is essential to any structure that must endure the test of time and bear the weight of change. Today, Missouri’s foundation stands firm with our ideals, traditions, and culture deeply rooted in our strong rural communities and our diverse and vibrant urban areas.

In keeping with this year’s theme, I am pleased to dedicate this edition of the *Official Manual* to the foundations of our communities. Essential to those foundations are the people in our state whose courage, caring, and sacrifice brighten our lives and enrich our communities. We all know such people. They seek neither praise nor fame, but our communities would be greatly diminished by their absence. They make Missouri what it is today, and we are much in their debt.

This *Manual* also takes a look at the foundation blocks of our democracy. Four Missouri historians offer accounts of Missouri’s past elections, showing how previous elections shaped Missouri and inspire us toward a better tomorrow. These essays remind us that democracy begins at the ballot box, and the opportunity to participate in free and fair elections is the bedrock of democratic government.

Finally, the photo contest section of the *Manual* is a tribute to the actual physical structures in our communities—the design and architecture of the buildings in which we live, work, worship, and entertain. These structures reflect our history and lifestyles, affect our families, and shape our communities.

This volume is premised on the belief that the vigor of our people, the vitality of our democratic government, and the structures in our communities, define us as a state and determine our future.

Throughout this book, I’m also pleased to share with you a sample of the Louise and Omar Putman Photograph Collection. Louise and Omar Putman were long-time residents of the Kansas City area, and their historic photos provide some insight into life in the 1940s and 1950s throughout the state. The full collection can be viewed at the Missouri State Archives.

Each of these special features serves to complement the *Manual’s* pages of information on your government and its foundations: its agencies, officials, employees, elections, and history.

In addition to being useful and informative, I hope the *Official Manual* will also make you proud of our great state and its many contributions to our nation and the world.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Carnahan".

Secretary of State

Foundations of Communities: *Missouri's "Unsung Heroes"*

In Missouri, we are proud of our communities. We know that strong, vibrant communities are what make our state a great place to live and work. The idea of community means people working together and relying on one another.

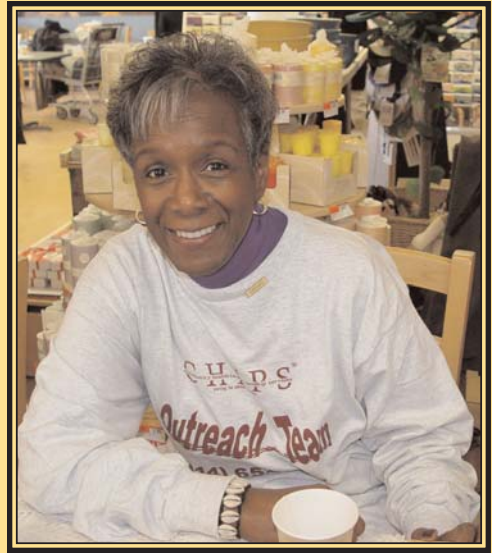
As Missourians, our communities are important to who we are. Our communities shape our values, form our views of the world, and offer us support in times of need. As communities, we collectively work together to raise our children, educate our youth, support our elderly, and take care of our sick, hurting, and less fortunate members.

Our communities, however, do not exist alone. For communities to flourish, it takes individuals committed to the value of community and to building and maintaining the community around them.

That is why, as your Secretary of State, I am pleased to dedicate this 65th edition of the *Official Manual* to the many Missourians who make up the *foundations of our communities*. These Missourians dedicate themselves to their communities. They are citizens who devote their lives to supporting their communities by improving the lives of their fellow Missourians and helping those who need it most.

Often these foundations of our communities are people who are relatively unknown and have names that are unfamiliar to us. That is because these people are truly our state's "unsung heroes." They seek neither praise nor fame, but instead rely on the satisfaction of knowing that their actions positively impact our society and are the backbone of our communities. They are people like Judy Bentley, John Joines, and Palle Rillinger.

Judy Bentley is the founder and director of the Community Health-In-Partnership Services in St. Louis. Judy's group provides health care to those members of her com-



Judy Bentley

munity who are uninsured and underserved by our current health care system. Through her clinic, Judy serves approximately 18,000 sick members of her community who might otherwise not get care.

Judy deals with the sick and hurting members of her community every day. In order to keep those people from falling through the cracks of our health care system, Judy offers her service free of charge and works diligently to increase awareness about her clinic's services as an increasing number of people find themselves without any other options for health care.

John Joines, a native southwest Missourian, was born in Neosho and raised in Carthage, where he still resides. As the manager of the Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area, John has devoted himself to reaching out to those less fortunate members of his community who need a helping hand to free themselves from the grip of poverty.

Among the many programs that John manages are programs to help low-income

families by offering them access to clinical services and by providing children with a comprehensive school readiness program. John and his organization run a clinic where people can go to gain access to doctors, medical histories, physical assessments, health education and counseling, and pregnancy screening. They also administer a well-known program called Head Start, which provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families.

Finally, Palle Rillinger has been the director of the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault for the last 21 years. MOCSA provides services to adult and adolescent victims of rape and sexual assault, sexually abused children, and adults who were sexually abused as children.

On a daily basis, Palle interacts with members of her community who are facing the aftermaths of a terrible and unfortunate experience. While these peoples' wounds may never completely heal, they can find solace among community members who



Palle Rillinger

are willing to stand with them during their crisis. Palle's group serves these members of the community by supporting them as they come to grips with their experience, deal with the long-term effects of sexual violence, and navigate the criminal justice system. Palle and MOCSA have made a difference in the lives of thousands of her fellow community members living in the greater Kansas City area.

Judy, John, and Palle are each devoted to improving the lives of the members of their communities. On behalf of all Missourians, I am honored to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere admiration to Judy, John, Palle, and the many others like them who dedicate themselves to strengthening our communities in order to make our state a better place for all Missourians. You are the foundations of our communities and the "unsung heroes" of our state.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Carnahan".

Secretary of State



John Joines

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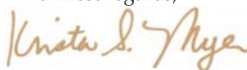
And speaking of dedicated public servants, I am indebted beyond words to Mark R. Reading, our Executive Deputy Secretary of State, for his guidance and leadership through the years on many fronts, including this endeavor.

To the devoted and knowledgeable Publications Staff, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. Thank you also to other members of the Secretary of State team who read, edited, and offered helpful suggestions. We have a better product because of all of you.

I love books, and it was great fun putting this one together. I've been told Missouri's state manual is one of the best in the country. After helping create the 2005–2006 *Official Manual*, I can see why. I am honored to be a part of the process.

On behalf of Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, and myself, I offer to you our deepest gratitude.

Warmest regards,



Krista S. Myer
Director of Publications



Pictured left to right: Alec Jennings (summer intern), Bernie Otke, Jade Long, Michael Douglas-Llyr, Charlotte Meek, Julie Stegeman, Krista Myer

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