TOMMY G. THOMPSON
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Dear Readers:

A few months ago, I was proud to report to the people of Wisconsin that the state of the state is excellent. We've established a strong foundation. We're moving forward, preparing to lead the nation into the 21st century.

In Wisconsin, we don't shy away from a challenge -- we rise to meet it. In this biennium, we will continue to meet our challenges with enthusiasm, optimism, and innovation. Working together, we will replace welfare checks with jobs, improve our education system, maintain our outstanding record of economic growth, and deliver the largest tax cut in state history by providing over $1 billion in property tax relief.

The 1995-96 Wisconsin Blue Book will serve as an indispensable tool to the citizenry of our great state as we move ahead. It provides the knowledge and understanding of state government necessary for meaningful participation in the governing process. I encourage each and every one of you to utilize this most outstanding resource.

This edition of the Wisconsin Blue Book is dedicated to Dr. H. Rupert Theobald, former Chief of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Dr. Theobald served the Wisconsin state Legislature in this capacity for 30 years -- the longest tenure of any director of a legislative service agency in the United States. It is so very appropriate that we dedicate the 1995-96 Blue Book to an individual who served the state of Wisconsin with tremendous dedication, impeccable integrity, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

I invite you to work with us to create a new government for a new century. Together, we will build a better and brighter tomorrow for the generations of the future, and prepare the great state of Wisconsin to lead the nation into the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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