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FOREWORD

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JOHN J. BLAINE
Governor

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This edition of the Blue Book has been prepared under the direction of Fred L. Holmes, a writer of ability and one exceptionally familiar with the history of our state. He has called to his assistance in the compilation of this volume experts in various lines of state affairs, and you will find that this edition is an improvement over any former edition in several ways. The arrangement of topics, contents, clarity of statement, and general appearance are especially excellent.

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