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Dear Fellow Missourians,

I am pleased to present the 2013–2014 *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, more commonly known to most Missourians as the “Blue Book.” For more than 130 years, the “Blue Book” has stood alone as the most comprehensive source of history and information about our state, and I am honored to continue this great tradition with the publication of the first volume from my administration.

Every other year since 1878, Missouri’s history and the work of countless public servants, be they state employees or elected officials, have been collected in the following pages. The vast majority of these are the unsung heroes of our state, the folks who work day after day to make sure our state government runs smoothly and efficiently while serving all Missourians.

And who better than Missouri’s own Harry S Truman to represent the spirit of public service and history contained in this volume? President Truman’s well-known work ethic, no-nonsense approach and deep love for his home state remain the gold standard that those of us in public service strive to achieve. So it is with great honor that I dedicate the 2013–2014 “Blue Book” to the memory of President Harry S Truman, truly one of Missouri’s finest. To honor President Truman’s legacy, I hope you’ll enjoy the many photographs of his life displayed throughout the following pages.

Finally, this book represents the work of many talented and dedicated public servants in the secretary of state’s office. It takes nearly a year to produce the “Blue Book,” and this edition would not have been possible without the hard work of Julie Stegeman, Michael Douglas-Llyr, Kevin Flannery and Stephanie Fleming—thank you for this latest edition of Missouri’s history.

Sincerely,  
Jason Kander

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Kander". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a cursive "Kander".

Secretary of State





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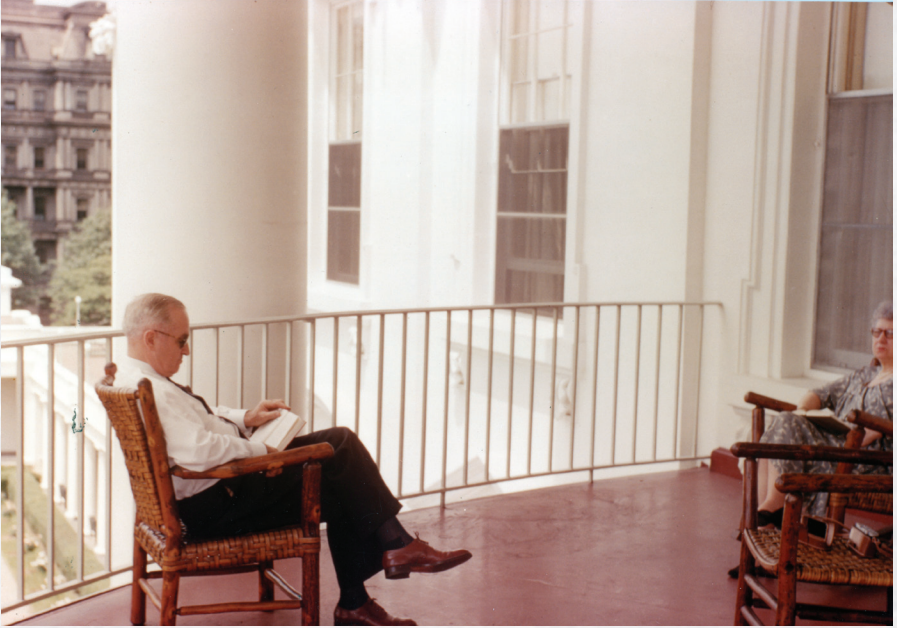


Truman holding his daughter, Margaret

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Truman with H.R.H Princess Elizabeth, 1951  
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Harry and Bess, reading on the balcony of the White House.

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President Harry S. Truman, Bess Wallace Truman, and Margaret Truman in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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