



## A Message From Secretary of State Jesse White

It is my privilege to present this 2015-2016 *Illinois Handbook of Government*. It provides updated information about state officials, government agencies and an overview of Illinois facts and history.

The *Illinois Handbook of Government* serves as a resource for teachers, students and anyone else interested in learning about Illinois' illustrious history. This version of the *Handbook* contains a feature story commemorating the 100th anniversary of Illinois' state flag.

The *Handbook* contains photos and contact information for Illinois constitutional officers, legislators and members of Congress, as well as descriptions of the three branches of government. It also includes the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions to help students and those desiring to become U.S. citizens study for the required constitution exams.

I hope you find the *Illinois Handbook of Government* to be a reliable resource on Illinois government and history.

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

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State

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