

**Secretary of State
State of Louisiana**

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Dear friend:

Louisiana has the most vivid history and diverse culture of any state in the country. From its beginning as a French colony in the New World, Louisiana has developed a unique passion for music, festivals, food and politics.

This brochure provides a capsule history of the Bayou State, the flags that have flown over it and our official state emblems.

As secretary of state, I am pleased to share this information with you. We hope this brochure will benefit your study of our state and its customs. If you would like additional information about Louisiana or one of the museums under our direction, please visit our website at www.sos.louisiana.gov or call our office at 225.922.2880.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Schedler". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State