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This book has been written for spouses and by spouses representing our great public universities. The institutions they represent are unique in higher education throughout the world. Each writer has generously contributed and shared her limited time to this endeavor. Each writer has exemplified her personal commitment to the "public good" for the institutions they represent. May their endeavor and sharing be insightful and helpful to those who succeed them.

—THE EDITORS

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FOREWORD

n February 17, 1981 the Executive Committee of the Senate of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges approved the establishment of a standing Committee of Presidents/Chancellors Spouses to begin functioning immediately as a formally recognized part of the Association's organization and structure. It is possible to underestimate the importance of this event, but to do so would be a grave mistake for the many reasons that you will find in these pages.

We also believe this event is a significant first in that the chief executives and other administrative officers who make up this Association have served notice that they consider the program areas represented by spouses to be highly important in the executive branch of these research-intensive public universities that comprise our membership.

The publications of the Association include books, monographs, articles, and brochures representing the interests and efforts of Divisions, Councils, Commissions, and Committees. It is a pleasure to introduce the present volume in that tradition—representing, as it does, some of the subject matter and issues considered by the Committee on Presidents/Chancellor's Spouses. We hope it will find a large audience, both within the academic community and outside wherever the spouse in an official role is taken for granted, for there is much written here that deserves to be shared.

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