STATE of MINNESOTA



JESSE VENTURA GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-10
PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO
PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS IN
STATE REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS, VETERANS HOMES,
AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENCES
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, due to circumstances of current negotiations, and the potential for a strike by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees ("AFSCME") and the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees ("MAPE") certain state regional treatment centers, veterans homes, and community-based residences face a critical shortage of direct care personnel to ensure the health and safety of the vulnerable citizens in the care of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced direct care personnel provide essential life, safety and healthcare to the persons served by the above referenced facilities; and



WHEREAS, the absence of direct care personnel presents an immediate threat to the health, welfare and safety of the persons served by the referenced facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Chairman of the Minnesota Veterans Home Board have requested assistance from the Minnesota Commissioners of Administration and Employee Relations in obtaining personnel to provide essential life, safety and health care to the persons served by the above referenced facilities in the event of a strike; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Commissioners of Administration and Employee Relations have requested assistance from the Governor to ensure provision of essential care and services to the persons served by the above referenced facilities in the event of a strike; and

WHEREAS, temporary assignment of State of Minnesota employees and the deployment of personnel from the Minnesota National Guard will be needed to avoid a breakdown in the essential care of patients in the above referenced facilities in the event of a strike; and

WHEREAS, the training of personnel to carry out this function must be undertaken in due course to ensure proper health care, safety and welfare for the patients in the above referenced facilities in the event of a strike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Veterans Home Board immediately prepare and submit for approval by the Minnesota Commissioners of Administration and Employee Relations a strike response plan indicating their essential service and personnel needs for the care and treatment of patients and residents of the above referenced facilities of the State of Minnesota, and immediately implement appropriate training programs for personnel

temporarily assigned or deployed pursuant to this Order, for the purpose of assuring an appropriate level of care and treatment of such individuals.

- 2. State agencies and State employees will cooperate and assist the Minnesota Departments of Administration and Employee Relations in the implementation of the State of Minnesota Strike Contingency Plan and agency strike contingency plans approved by the Minnesota Commissioners of Administration and Employee Relations.
- 3. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty, on or after September 6, 2001 such elements of the military forces of the State, as required, for the purpose of receiving the necessary advance training pursuant to the strike contingency plans implemented by the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Veteran's Home Board to provide for the safety and the essential direct care and treatment of such individuals in the custodial care of the State of Minnesota and the above referenced institutions.
- 4. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract goods or services necessary to accomplish the mission.
- 5. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said military personnel shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for generally and in particular in Minnesota Statutes 2000, Sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.52, and 192.54.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the <u>State Register</u> and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2000 section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this twentieth day of August, 2001.

JESSE VENTURA Governor

Filed According to Law:

