## STATE of MINNESOTA



## TIM PAWLENTY GOVERNOR

## EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 03-14 PROVIDING TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

I, TIM PAWLENTY, 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, state employees represented by the America Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME, Council 6) have voted to authorize a strike of represented state employees;

WHEREAS, state employees represented by AFSCME provide snow and ice removal services on more than 12,000 miles of interstate and state highways throughout the state;

WHEREAS, without snow and ice removal services on interstate and state highways, a regional or state-wide ice or snow storm would seriously threaten the safety of persons traveling on interstate and state highways and the ability of emergency vehicles to respond to emergencies;

WHEREAS, county and local resources are not capable of providing snow and ice removal services on the interstate and state roadways in a manner that adequately ensures public safety in the event of a snow or ice emergency;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to institute training for members of the Minnesota National Guard to provide critical snow and ice removal services on interstate and state highways for the purpose of protecting individuals and property in the event state employees and other state or local resources are unable to provide critical snow and ice removal services;

## **NOW, THEREFORE,** I hereby order that:

1. The Acting Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about October 11, 2003, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to accomplish training of personnel to provide emergency snow and ice removal services

on interstate and state highways, including the operation of state's snow plowing equipment.

- 2. The Lieutenant Governor in her role as the Commissioner of Transportation, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Commissioner of Finance shall assist the Acting Adjutant General as necessary to ensure proper training, driver qualifications, provide for variances as necessary and the appropriate reimbursement of costs associated with the training program. Any state fees necessary to qualify national guard members to perform emergency snow and ice removal services are waived.
- 3. The Acting Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease or contract goods or services necessary to accomplish the mission.
- 4. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of activated members of the Minnesota National Guard shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 2002, Sections 192.49, Subds. 1 and 2; 192.52, 192.54 and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2002, Section 4.035, Subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th day of October, 2003.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYE

**Secretary of State**