

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota bears a responsibility for conserving and developing human and natural resources in order to assure the future welfare of the state and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the children and youth represent one of our most important and treasured resources, and

WHEREAS, research shows that a large segment of this resource of young minds and talent is not being properly utilized, indicated by the fact that approximately twenty percent of Minnesota's ninth graders drop out of school before the end of twelfth grade, and

WHEREAS, employment trends indicate that employment opportunities in unskilled labor are sharply decreasing and, by 1970, will be available to less than five percent of our youth while at the same time the demand for skilled labor is rapidly increasing, and

WHEREAS, the numbers of persons reaching their late teens is growing at a rapid rate, placing unprecedented demands on our educational facilities beyond high school and on many other public services which are utilized by children and youth, and

WHEREAS, the Government of the State of Minnesota provides public service in many areas which directly affect and influence the lives and values of today's young people, and

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent need to intensify and coordinate the work of all these government services, to develop and expand educational opportunities, to strengthen and broaden programs for delinquency prevention and treatment, to encourage a new understanding of the role being played by government in matters of employment, school dropouts, outdoor recreation, welfare aids and counseling, protection of the public health, and to facilitate the working relationship between these various disciplines to the end that children and youth will

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be encouraged to develop their talents to the full,
NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of
Minnesota, do hereby order that an interdepartmental committee shall
be formed on a permanent basis, with top-level representatives
from the Office of the Attorney General, the Departments of
Agriculture, including agriculture extension services, Business
Development, Conservation, Corrections, Education, Employment
Security, Health, Highways, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation,
Labor and Industry, and Public Welfare, to meet together regularly
to share information and coordinate efforts and projects, to
evaluate existing programs and study unmet needs, and to make
recommendations, all to the end that each child in the state may
enjoy the fullest opportunity to find his way in life.

Karl F. Rolvaag
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated this 25 day of October, 1963

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Secretary of State