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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

FILED APR 1 0 1969 Secretary of State

WHEREAS, extremely heavy snowfall throughout much of the State of Minnesota during the winter months of 1968 and 1969, resulting in high water content; and

WHEREAS, the ESSA Minneapolis River District has issued a flood forecast indicating record or near record floods will occur on the major river basin drainage areas; and

WHEREAS, communities on the Cottonwood, Des Moines, and Minnesota Rivers, and Red River of the North, are now experiencing severe flooding, with all other rivers showing marked rises in river levels; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, and State governments are committed to the saving of lives and protecting of property; and

WHEREAS, measures have been instituted for protective facilities; and

WHEREAS, serious flooding in rural areas, disrupting transportation and communications facilities, resulting in undue hardship on the people in the areas affected,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HAROLD LeVANDER, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist and direct the agencies of the State, in cooperation with appropriate Federal agencies, to provide such aid to stricken areas as provided for under existing State and Federal statutory authority.

I hereby further direct Mr. Phillip A. Iverson, State Civil Defense Director, to coordinate emergency operational actions and request that the county Civil Defense directors serve as coordinating agents for the political subdivisions of each county.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1969

ATTEST:

GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan Secretary of State