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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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HAROLD LEVANDER GOVERNOR

> EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61 DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, devastating rainfall has occurred in northwestern Minnesota resulting in extensive flooding; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Beltrami, Becker, Clay, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau have experienced severe damage to property; and

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

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in undue hardship on the people in 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 Disaster to exist in the counties of Beltrami, Becker, Clay, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau; and do further 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 request Mr. George A. Lincoln, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Executive Office of the President, to assist in securing such Federal assistance as may be available under Title 23 as it relates to Federal Aid Systems roads, U.S. Department of Transportation, and disaster assistance as may be available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated this 1st of July, 1970.

/s/

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HAROLD LeVANDER G O V E R N O R

ATTEST:

/s/ Joseph L. Donovan Secretary of State

State of Minnesota Department of State Filed July 1, 1970