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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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HAROLD LEVANDER GOVERNOR

> EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66 DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, tornadoes and high winds have devastated certain areas of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Benton and Douglas experienced bodily injury and severe damage to property; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county and State governments are committed 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 Benton and Douglas counties; 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, and that Benton and Douglas counties be added to my request for a Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster.

Dated this 21st of July, 1970.

/s<u>/ Harold LeVander</u> Harold LeVander GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Joseph L. Donovan Joseph L. Donovan SECRETARY OF STATE

Date: 7/21/70

