EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

Providing for a Declaration of Disaster.

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, unusually heavy rainfall has occurred in areas in Northeastern Minnesota, resulting in extensive flooding; and,

WHEREAS, communities have been devastated and ravaged to an extreme degree; and,

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, and state governments are committed to saving lives, protecting property, and restoration of essential facilities and services; and,

WHEREAS, recovery from the destruction is beyong the capability of the local, county, and state governments; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in extreme hardship on the people in the affected areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I declare a State of Disaster to exist in the counties of St. Louis, Carlton, and Itasca, and do further direct the agencies of the State, in cooperation with appropriate Federal agencies, to provide such aid to stricken areas and people as provided for under existing State and Federal statutory authority.

I hereby further request Mr. Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, to declare the above counties a major disaster area under the provisions of Public Law 606, 91st Congress, and to make available such Federal assistance as provided by that law.

This order shall be effective August 22, 1972.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of August, 1972.

Filed according to Law:

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