



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132

Creating the Governor's Task
Force on Drought Aid

I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable Statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, persistent drought conditions in Minnesota have resulted in direct losses to farmers of approximately \$1.5 billion this year; and

WHEREAS, 69 of Minnesota's 87 counties have been declared drought emergency areas by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, federal drought aid programs are inadequate to meet the real problems faced by farmers suffering economic losses from the drought; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort is needed to bring all available public and private resources to bear on these problems; and

WHEREAS, the economic health of Minnesota depends on the continuing economic strength of the agricultural sector of Minnesota's economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The establishment of a Governor's Task Force on Drought Aid, made up of appropriate representatives of agriculture, business, and the federal and state governments, to address these problems.
2. Assessment by the Governor's Task Force on Drought Aid of the total impact of drought damage, coordination of efforts to assist drought victims, identification of sources of drought-aid revenue and off-farm employment for farmers needing supplemental income, development of assistance by state and federal government agencies in providing prompt assistance to drought victims, recommendation of steps that may be required to improve programs of assistance at the state and federal levels to farmers ravaged by drought, and periodic reporting regarding the progress of the Task Force.

3. This Task Force shall be chaired by William Walker, Red Wing, and shall include the members on the attached list, plus others to be added as the need may arise.

This order shall be effective on the date of publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until the work of the Task Force is completed or until December 31, 1978, whichever is the earlier.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 29th day of December, 1976.


Rudy Perpich, Governor

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