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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 148

Providing a barrier-free environment for elderly and disabled citizens

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, it is the policy of the State of Minnesota to support a goal of maximum independence for its elderly and disabled citizens, and to therefore provide a barrier-free environment, consistent with existing state and federal legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. That all new state-owned buildings shall meet the state building code requirements on accessibility when constructed. In addition, all existing buildings will be brought to handicapped code standards as they are remodeled.

- 2. Space in buildings leased for state operations shall be free of mobility barriers.
- 3. All meetings and conferences when sponsored by state agencies in non-state facilities shall be held in hotels, motels, restaurants, and other locations that are free of mobility barriers.

This order shall be effective upon publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the proper authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 5th day of May, 1977.

Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed according to law:

Joan Anderson Growe Secretary of State