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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 165

Charging the Department of Natural Resources with the administration of the Governor's Aesthetic Environment Program and related efforts to eliminate visual and aesthetic pollution in the State of Minnesota.

I, Rudy Perpich, 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, visual and aesthetic pollution in Minnesota is a problem recognized by our citizens and the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, several programs throughout State government are currently being operated with the goal of fighting this problem; and,

WHEREAS, overall coordination of these efforts would increase the effectiveness of efforts and monies expended in this fight; and,

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WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources is actively involved in fighting such pollution and well situated to coordinate other agency efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. That the Department of Natural Resources through its Governor's Aesthetic Environment Program shall assume overall coordination of the below enumerated responsibilities and efforts in order to assure that each program makes a maximum contribution toward the common goal of eliminating visual and aesthetic pollution in Minnesota, and, that the Department may solicit, accept, and expend available federal and state monies for this purpose;

2. In cooperation with the various state agencies which are charged to operate programs relating to the elimination of visual and aesthetic pollution, the Department of Natural Resources through the Governor's Aesthetic Environment Program shall establish proper communications between state, regional, and local governmental units and private groups who are interested or affected;

3. Individual private and business concerns shall be encouraged to participate to the greatest possible extent in this undertaking; 4. Specifically, the Commissioner and Department of Natural Resources through the Governor's Aesthetic Environment Program shall coordinate the work of state agencies who are operating programs aimed at the elimination of visual and aesthetic pollution including, but not limited to, the efforts presently underway in the following programs:

> Abandoned Automobile Program Dilapidated Buildings Program Abandoned Mineland Clean-Up Program Mineland Reclamation General Assistance Work Relief Program or Environmental Clean-Up Waterway Clean-Up Program Major Industrial Segment Clean-Up Program Junkyard Clean-Up Program Community Clean-Up Program

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State, and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority.or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 1977 Supplement, Section 4.035.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this <u>llo</u> day of <u>pausing</u>, 1978. Ĺ Governør Rudy Perpic

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