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STATE OF MINNESOTA



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79-7

Providing for the Delegation of Certain Duties Responsibilities and Powers to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 4.04, Subdivision 2; Repealing Executive Order No. 53

I, Albert H. Quie, 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, the voters of the State of Minnesota amended the Constitution in November 1972, to alter the duties of the Lieutenant Governor; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature provided by law in 1971 that the Governor may delegate to the Lieutenant Governor such powers, duties, and responsibilities and functions as are prescribed by law to be performed by the Governor, subject to his control; and,

WHEREAS, the powers, duties, responsibilities, and ministerial and ceremonial acts required of the Governor by the Constitution, laws of the State of Minnesota, and tradition have increased steadily over time; and,

WHEREAS, the present total burden of executive responsibilities of the Office of the Governor requires the judicious delegation of responsibility in the effective coordination of the legislative process between the Governor's office and both houses of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the general increase in the responsibility of the Executive Branch of Minnesota state government has placed increasing responsibility on the Office of the Governor as the point of central responsibility for State and Local government partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the public demand for fiscal responsibility in the operation of state government has added additional burdens to the Office of the Governor as the office publicly accountable for the prudent spending and effective management of tax dollars which support those agencies and services; and,

WHEREAS, by Constitutional provision, legislative action, and the elective decision of the people of the State of Minnesota, the Lieutenant Governor is designated as a full-time constitutional officer and a full partner in the Executive Department of Minnesota state government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order in addition to the statutory responsibility of the Lieutenant governor, the immediate delegation to the Lieutenant Governor of the following responsibilities:

1. The Lieutenant Governor shall coordinate and direct the legislative process between the office of the Governor and both houses of the Legislature.

2. The Lieutenant Governor shall develop, coordinate, and wherever possible implement a systematic state program to preserve and enhance the relationship between state and local units of government and between the state and business, industry and labor.
  - a. Providing stimulation and assistance to local subdivisions of government so that they may take advantage of legislation and resources available to them from the State of Minnesota.
  - b. Communicating with state business firms, industry and labor to plan and provide for increased job opportunities in the State of Minnesota in cooperation with the Department of Economic Development.
3. The Lieutenant Governor shall assist the Governor in the preparation, review, implementation and analysis of the biennial budget and shall advise and counsel the Governor on matters of policy and personnel.
4. The Lieutenant Governor shall discharge ministerial and ceremonial duties as the Governor may designate from time to time, and represent the Governor at public events and presentations upon the request of the Governor. He shall be responsible for communicating between the enumerated boards, agencies, and commissions and the Office of the Governor; shall seek to expedite decisions required of the Governor concerning

their activities; and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Governor concerning their responsibilities, functions, and organization in order that their work may be carried out efficiently, effectively, and in the best interests of the government and the people of the State of Minnesota.

1. Governor's liaison to the Minnesota State Retirement System
2. Governor's liaison officer to the Legislative commission on Minnesota's resources
3. State Employee Suggestion Board
4. Credit Union Advisory Council
5. Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission
6. Mississippi River Parkway Commission
7. Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission
8. Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission
9. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board
10. Great Lakes Commission
11. Public Employees Retirement Association
12. Teachers Retirement Association
13. Highway Patrolmen's Retirement Association
14. Rural Development Council
15. Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Technical Advisory Committee
16. Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Legislative Advisory Committee.

6. The Lieutenant Governor shall make such periodic reports to the Governor as he may request from time to time regarding the discharge of the duties and responsibilities delegated in this order and he shall make such evaluations and recommendations relating to his activities as he may deem appropriate.

This order repeals Executive Order No. 53.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 4.035.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this \_\_\_\_ day of February 1979.

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Albert H. Quie, Governor

Filed according to Law:

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Joan Anderson Growe  
Secretary of State