

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 80-9

Providing for the Establishment of the  
Governor's Council on Rural Development; Repealing  
Executive Order No. 79.8

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, it is vital for state government to identify important rural issues and to provide the best possible services to the people of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal requires a concerted effort to improve the existing delivery systems of state, federal and local levels of government and to provide new services and new directions for addressing rural issues; and

WHEREAS, there exists a multitude of agencies and institutions involved in the delivery of services to rural Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, no single state agency presently has the function of coordinating the delivery of services to rural Minnesota for which the state is responsible; and

WHEREAS, a council with regional participation and interdepartmental cooperation can improve the coordination, quantity, and quality of services delivered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

1. The formation of a Governor's Council on Rural Development composed of the Lieutenant Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and a member of each Regional Development Commission and the Metropolitan Council. These members, except the Lieutenant Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses from the Rural Rehabilitation Trust Fund on the basis outlined in Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 15.0593

The following shall serve as representatives to the Council, not to be eligible for expenses under Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 15.0593: The Director of the State Planning Agency; the Director of the Office of Local and Urban Affairs; the Director of the Housing Finance Agency; the Director of the Pollution Control Agency; the Director of the Energy Agency; the Commissioner of Economic Development; the Commissioner of Economic Security; the Commissioner of Health; the Commissioner of Natural Resources; and the Commissioner of Transportation.

The University of Minnesota, the Minnesota State University System, the Private College Council, the U.S. Department of

Agriculture State Rural Development Committee, the U.S. Economic Development Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development shall each be asked to appoint a representative to the Council on Rural Development.

The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the Council on Rural Development and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall serve as Vice Chairperson.

Appropriate public and private organizations shall be invited to participate in the deliberations of the Council and to provide assistance to all of the activities of the Council.

The Council and representatives to the Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and operate pursuant to bylaws adopted by the Council and distributed to all members and representatives.

2. That the bylaws shall provide that approval of any recommendation or action as to the following shall be made upon a majority vote of the combined Council and representatives to the Council:

2.1 The development of a process for identifying and analyzing important rural issues/problems in Minnesota and a strategy for addressing those issues.

2.2 The study by the Council of issues affecting the development of rural communities, and the formulation of recommendations for improving and/or implementing programs.

2.3 Recommendations to the State Executive Council for investment of the Rural Rehabilitation Trust Fund and use of interest generated from its investment.

3. The cooperation of all State Departments and Agencies with the operation of the Council on Rural Development.

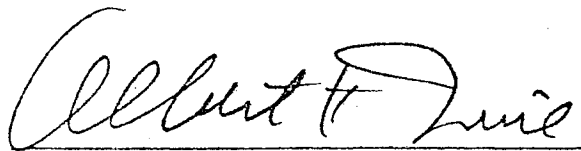
4. That State Department and Agency representatives to the Council shall designate necessary staff to provide assistance to the Council. Expenses incurred by such staff shall be assumed by the Department or Agency.

5. That the terms of Council members and representatives to the Council shall be co-extensive with the effective term of this Order.

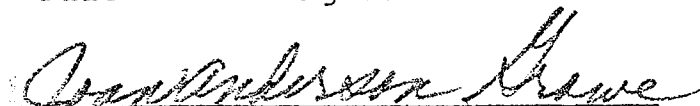
This Order repeals Executive Order No. 79.8.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, 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 Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1980.

  
ALBERT H. QUIE  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
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