



EXECUTIVE ORDER 81-2

Restricting State Hiring,
Procurement and Expenditures

I, ALBERT H. QUIE, 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, the national and state economies have not yet recovered from the recent recession and revenues realized to date are less than previously estimated; and

WHEREAS, prudent management requires that timely measures be taken to provide for the possibility that revenues realized for the balance of the current fiscal year will be less than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this administration that the State of Minnesota conclude the current fiscal year with a balanced budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

1. No appointing authority in the Executive Branch of State government shall employ any person to fill a vacant position (classified or

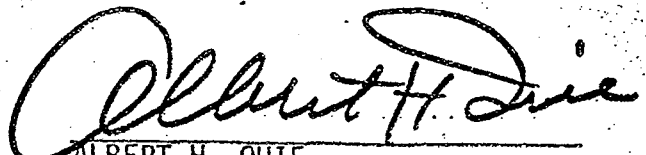
unclassified) which is paid from the General Fund during the pendency of this order except as provided in paragraph 2.

2. This prohibition on hiring shall not extend to positions to be filled by persons who:
 - a. Will be providing direct care to patients at State institutions;
 - b. Will be providing direct supervision of inmates at correctional facilities;
 - c. Will be performing services necessary to the maintenance of public safety or otherwise essential to the operation of State government as determined by the Commissioner of Finance;
 - d. Will provide direct instructional services to students in the State's post-secondary institutions;
 - e. Are on leave from a State position and elect to continue employment with the State;
 - f. Will perform services as inmate, resident or student employees of State institutions; or
 - g. Have received confirmation of appointment to State positions previous to the effective date of this Order.

3. No person in the Executive Branch shall execute on behalf of any State agency during the pendency of this Order a contract for the performance of consultant services as defined by M.S. 16.098 and to be paid from the General Fund unless the Commissioner of Administration determines that the services to be performed are essential to the maintenance of public safety or are otherwise essential to the operation of State government.

4. No procurement transactions shall be processed on behalf of any agency of State government against the General Fund unless the Commissioner of Administration determines that the goods or services to be purchased are essential to the operation of State government.
5. No person in the Executive Branch shall engage in out-of-state travel to be paid from the General Fund unless the Commissioner of Finance determines that such travel is essential to the operation of State government.
6. None of the foregoing provisions shall be interpreted to invalidate any legal or contracted obligations of the State.
7. All Commissioners and Department Heads shall take steps to limit such expenditures as are not otherwise limited by the above provisions. Each Department Head shall review and certify any request for exemption from the provisions of this Order before such request is submitted to the Commissioner of Administration or Finance.
8. Because of the need to take immediate action, this Order shall be effective at 12:01 p.m. March 2, 1981.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 2nd day of March, 1981.


ALBERT H. QUIE
GOVERNOR

Filed According to Law:

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State