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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-5

Providing for the Establishment of
the Governor's Council on Rural Development
Repealing Executive Order No. 80-9

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, 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 great number 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 representation from rural Minnesota and interdepartmental cooperation can improve the coordination, quantity and quality of services delivered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. Creation of the Governor's Council on Rural Development, hereinafter referred to as the "Council", to consist of one member from each of the regional development districts in the state.

1.1 The membership of each Regional Development Commission and the Metropolitan Council shall appoint one member to serve on the Council. In those regional development districts where a Regional Development Commission does not exist, the Governor shall appoint a member from that district.

1.2 The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the Council. A Council member, selected by the membership of the Council, shall serve as Vice-Chairperson.

1.3 The members, except the Lieutenant Governor, shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses from the Rural Rehabilitation Trust Fund as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.0593.

1.4 The Council members, agency and technical representatives shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and operate pursuant to bylaws adopted by the Council.

2. All state agencies and departments shall cooperate with the Council.

2.1 The following individuals shall each designate a representative to advise the Council: The Commissioner of Commerce; the Assistant Commissioner of Energy; the Assistant Commissioner of Planning; the Director of the Housing Finance Agency; the Commissioner of Agriculture; the Director of the

Pollution Control Agency; the Commissioner of Economic Security; the Commissioner of Health; the Commissioner of Transportation; the Commissioner of Public Welfare; the Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources; and the Commissioner of Education.

The University of Minnesota; the Minnesota State University System; the Private College Council; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Board; and the Council on the Economic Status of Women shall each be asked to appoint a technical representative to the Council.

2.2 State department and agency representatives to the Council shall designate necessary staff to assist the Council in carrying out its work program. Expenses incurred by such staff shall be assumed by the department or agency.

3. All actions of the Council shall be by majority vote and shall be taken after receiving the advice of the agency and technical representatives.

Duties of the Council shall include:

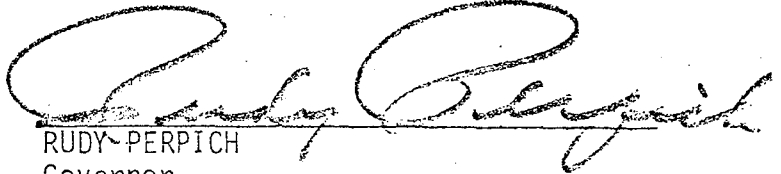
3.1 The development of a process for identifying and analyzing important rural issues and problems in Minnesota and a strategy for addressing those issues.

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

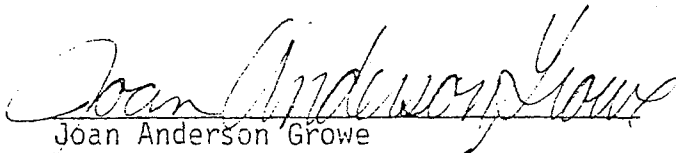
3.3 Recommendations to the State Executive Council for investment of the Rural Rehabilitation Trust Fund and the use of interest generated from its investment.

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 14th day of February, 1983.


RUDY PERPICH
Governor

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