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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-21

Establishing an Inter-Agency Peat Task Force

I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota contains six (6) million acres of peat; the largest peatland acreage in the lower forty-eight states; and

WHEREAS, options for the development of Peatlands include a multiplicity of uses; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the coordination of resource and economic development among State agencies; and

WHEREAS, the development of a peat industry is needed to enhance the economic well-being of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the effective management of Minnesota's peatlands requires that environmental issues be addressed in development proposals; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the State assume a position of strong leadership in peat development issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I ORDER:

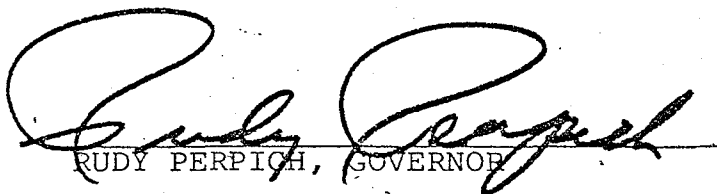
The establishment of an inter-agency task force to determine priorities for peat research and development; and further, that this inter-agency task force implement and carry out peat related activities through the appropriate member agencies.

The members of said task force shall be the Commissioner of the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Commerce, and Energy, Planning and Development; the Directors of the Pollution Control Agency, the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and a representative of the Governor's Office.

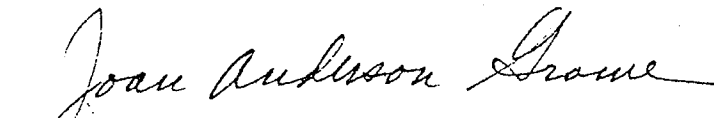
In addition, the member commissioners may appoint technical advisory committees to provide the task force with information and support for task force decision-making.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1982, § 4.035, this order shall be effective 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its publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1982, Section 4.035.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand this 30th day of March, 1983.

  
RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR

Filed according to law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE