



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 94-1
PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING
OF ALL MINNESOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS (K-12) AND THE
OPENING OF STATE ARMORIES FOR SHELTER**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, weather reports on Monday, January 17, 1994, forecast extreme cold temperatures across the entire state: the coldest temperatures in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, a travel advisory has been issued for the entire state due to the poor and worsening conditions of roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, a wind chill warning has also been issued for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has reported that salt and sand on state roads and highways are not effective in the extreme cold, and that many roads are considered dangerous, or are being closed, to travel; and

WHEREAS, "white-out" conditions exist in the southwestern portion of the state, and snow plows are being taken off the roads; and

WHEREAS, exposure to extreme cold and wind chill is a known danger: physicians advise that skin may freeze after 30 seconds of exposure; and

WHEREAS, temperatures at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17th, are reported as follows:

- 20 at MSP airport with a wind chill of -50
- 22 at St. Cloud
- 71 wind chill at Rochester
- 73 wind chill in Alexandria
- 63 wind chill at Duluth; and

WHEREAS, the poor driving conditions and dangerously low temperatures create a special hazard for children; and

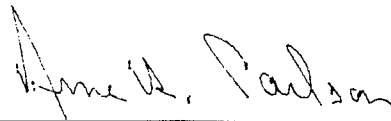
WHEREAS, I have concluded, after consultation with staff and reviewing the conditions above, that a peacetime emergency exists due to this act of nature endangering the health, safety, life and property of Minnesotans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Commissioner of Education shall order that all Minnesota public schools (K-12) will be closed on Tuesday, January 18th.
2. The Adjutant General shall make the state armories available to shelter individuals from the extreme cold and shall work with local authorities to determine if and where extra shelter is needed.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1992, Section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 17th day of January, 1994.




ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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Secretary of State

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