

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-5
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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, since April 1, 1996, severe flooding and thunderstorms have affected the western, northcentral, and northwestern regions of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, these events have inflicted widespread and considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there is a continuing threat to public safety for citizens in the counties of Aitkin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Clearwater, Kittson, Koochiching, Marshall, Mahnomen, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and Traverse; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local government and private relief agencies are being fully utilized to respond to the crisis; and


WHEREAS, those resources are expected to be exhausted as the recovery process continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare that:

A State of Emergency exists in the State of Minnesota and do direct the Division of Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other state and federal agencies, to determine the need for supplementary disaster aid and to coordinate the provision of any such assistance as necessary under existing state and federal authority.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this eighth day of May, 1996.


ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:


JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

