

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-8
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION**

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 Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the planning and management of system-wide technology is critical to state and local government operations and intergovernmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the integration of technology into lifelong learning and workforce development is necessary to a prepared and viable workforce and healthy citizenry; and

WHEREAS, existing state government, local government, and education system technologies are diverse and often incompatible and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, significant state and local resources are committed to technology-related programs and there is a need to review and coordinate the various activities that impact technology planning, development, purchase, and implementation across state and local governments and education systems; and

WHEREAS, there is a need within Minnesota to establish a managerial point of focus on this issue especially in the area of K-12 and higher education technology; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to avoid duplication of effort and reduce the costs that would otherwise be involved if each state and local government and educational entity acts independently;

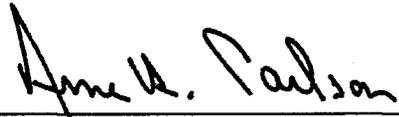
NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. There be established in the Department of Children, Families, and Learning an Office of Technology Coordination.
2. The office will assume the following responsibilities:
 - A. Review the provision of services through technology and the use of local, state, and federal funds and resources, and advise the governor on methods of coordinating these services and uses of funds and resources.
 - B. Recommend to the governor, legislature, and affected state agencies, goals, methods, and policies for the intergovernmental development and coordination of education technology throughout the state.
 - C. Recommend to the governor a strategic plan that details methods to be used to coordinate existing and future efforts in this area.
 - D. Coordinate the development, implementation, and evaluation of the technologies and related policies used in state and local educational entities.
3. The commissioner of the Department of Children, Families, and Learning shall appoint a director to administer the office.

4. The Department of Children, Families, and Learning shall provide staff and other administrative support to the office. The office may request assistance from other agencies, organizations, and individuals in carrying out its duties.
5. All state departments and education systems shall cooperate with the office established by this Order.

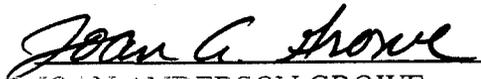
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 24th day of May, 1996.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

