

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-11
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

I, JOANNE E. BENSON, LIEUTENANT 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, on May 17, 18, and 19, 1996, severe storms accompanied by very heavy rainfall, resulting in record flooding and strong straight-line winds, have adversely affected a large portion of northwestern, central, and southeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this event has added considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms, and businesses in portions of the state already ravaged by major flooding; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the fourteen counties that were determined to have extensive damage and in need of supplementary state and federal disaster assistance by Emergency Executive Order 96-5, the following counties have now been assessed and determined to also have extensive damage; Chisago, Clay, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Houston, Lake of the Woods, Olmsted, Pope, Sibley, Steele, Stevens, Wabasha, Waseca, and Washington.

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

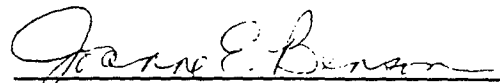
WHEREAS, those resources are expected to be exhausted as the recovery process continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order 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Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 3.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 eighteenth day of June, 1996.



JOANNE E. BENSON
Lieutenant Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

