



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-18
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, on November 15 through November 30, 1996, severe winter storms, accompanied by freezing rain, very heavy snowfall, ice, sleet and extreme cold temperatures have adversely affected a portion of southwestern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this event has caused considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms and businesses in that portion of the state; and

WHEREAS, Cottonwood, Freeborn, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Nobles, Murray, Pipestone, Rock, Waseca and Yellow Medicine counties have now been assessed and determined to have extensive damages; 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 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Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this eleventh day of December, 1996.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

