

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-3  
PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
THE BROWN, WATONWAN AND JACKSON  
COUNTY SHERIFFS**

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, a fierce blizzard hit the southern and western portions of Minnesota resulting in zero visibility, blocked roads and white-out conditions in Brown, Watonwan and Jackson counties; and

WHEREAS, numerous motorists are stranded on the highways and are in danger if they are not rescued; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement agencies do not have emergency equipment capable of driving through the heavy snow; and

WHEREAS, the sheriffs of Brown, Watonwan and Jackson counties have requested the National Guard's assistance in rescuing stranded motorists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about January 9, 1997, in the service of the State, such elements and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to assist and support the sheriffs of Brown, Watonwan and Jackson counties.
2. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.51, and 192.52.

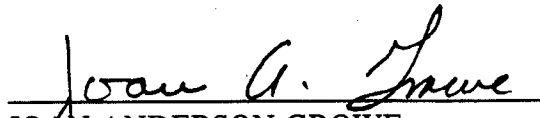
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this fifteenth day of January, 1997.



ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

