

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-9
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 January 5, 1997, four safety rest areas located along Interstate Highway 35 south of the Twin Cities have been severely damaged or destroyed by fire as a result of acts of arson; and

WHEREAS, damage to these four safety rest areas has been of such extent that immediate repairs have been necessary. Such conditions constitute an emergency as contemplated by the terms of Sections 125 and 120(c) of Title 23, U.S.C;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that a State of Emergency exists in Minnesota as a result of the destruction of these safety rest areas. The immediate repair and reconstruction of the damaged highway rest areas is vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of the State of Minnesota. The Federal Highway Administrator is hereby requested to concur in the declaration of this emergency.

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Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 3.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 second day of April, 1997.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

