



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-11
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 March 21, 1997, severe spring flooding has affected the western and southwestern regions of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, during the April 5-7, 1997, time period, large areas in western and northwestern Minnesota were paralyzed by heavy snow and rain, freezing rain and blizzard conditions; and

WHEREAS, these events have inflicted widespread and substantial damage to the public infrastructure, as well as to individual homes, farms, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, dangerous and prolonged flooding conditions have been forecast for numerous counties in the western, northwestern, southwestern, and southeastern portions of the state; and

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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that those resources will be exhausted as the recovery process continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

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Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 3.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



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

