



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-13
TO ESTABLISH THE
MINNESOTA FLOOD RECOVERY FUND**

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, severe spring flooding has affected large portions of the state, and numerous counties have been declared eligible for disaster relief funds by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, this disaster has inflicted widespread and substantial damage to the public infrastructure, as well as to individual homes, farms, and businesses; 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; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

A Minnesota Flood Recovery Fund be established to permit state employees to donate up to 40 hours of their individual vacation time for disaster aid, which will be provided to needy families and individuals. The state will consult with charitable organizations in targeting the money appropriately. The dollar value of the hours donated will be set aside in an account established and administered by the commissioners of Employee Relations and Finance. These commissioners are also authorized to receive contributions to this fund from businesses and private citizens.

Appointing authorities are directed to communicate to employees the creation of this fund and to encourage employees to participate within the limits of their respective agency budgets.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until August 31, 1997, or rescinded by proper authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, 1997.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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JOAN ANDERSON GROVE
Secretary of State

