



**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-17  
PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO OFFICIALS  
IN WRIGHT AND SHERBURNE COUNTIES**

I, JOANNE E. BENSON, LIEUTENANT 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 July 1, 1997, a system of powerful thunderstorms with damaging winds, heavy rain and hail struck Wright and Sherburne counties; and

WHEREAS, the storms caused power outages, local flooding, property damage, and blocked streets with debris in the cities of Monticello and Big Lake; and

WHEREAS, the cities and counties do not have adequate local resources for clearing the debris to restore power and reopen the streets; and

WHEREAS, the Wright and Sherburne county sheriffs request assistance in clearing debris;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to active duty on July 2, 1997, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to assist and support the removal of storm debris from city streets and county roads to ensure the safety of our citizens.
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 third day of July, 1997.

  
JOANNE E. BENSON  
Lieutenant Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

