

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-18
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, between June 28 and July 27, 1997, severe thunderstorms accompanied by tornadoes, straight-line winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, and torrential rainfall have devastated areas of central and east-central Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have inflicted widespread and considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there is a threat to public safety for citizens in the counties of Anoka, Hennepin, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Ramsey, Sherburne and Wright; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, state and tribal government and private relief agencies have been exhausted in responding to this crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare that:

A State of 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.

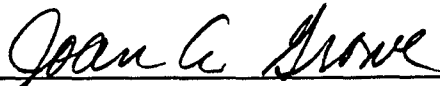
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1996, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this thirty-first day of July, 1997.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

