

HAROLD LEVANDER GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51

Declaration of Emergency

WHEREAS, devastating tornadoes inflicted heavy destruction upon northeastern Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the communities in the counties of Aitkin and Lake have experienced severe damage to property and excessive loss of life, and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, and State governments are committed to the saving and protecting of lives and property, and

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in undue hardship on the people in the areas affected,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist and direct the agencies of the State, in cooperation with appropriate Federal agencies, to provide such aid to stricken areas as provided for under existing State and Federal statutory authority.

I hereby further direct Mr. Phillip A. Iverson, State Civil Defense Director, to coordinate emergency operational actions and request that the county Civil Defense directors serve as coordinating agents for the political subdivisions of each county.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1969

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ATTEST:

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State of Minnesota Department of State Filed /s/ Joseph L. Donovan Secretary of State

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