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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60

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James A. Johnson
Secretary of State

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I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to the authority and responsibility assigned to me by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 4, and Laws 1969, Chapter 1122, do hereby issue this Executive Order in regard to the delineation of Development Regions and the formation of Regional Development Commissions.

WHEREAS the twelve month period specified in Executive Order 37, during which "transitional" counties were to evaluate their logical association with a region has passed; and

WHEREAS the State Planning Agency has conducted the public hearings specified in Executive Order 37 and Section 5, Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act; and

WHEREAS information has been gathered and evaluated from the transitional counties and other counties relative to regional assignment; and

WHEREAS insofar as possible, the known desires of transitional and other counties have been recognized; and

WHEREAS Section 5, Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, requires that the Governor designate Development Regions by Executive Order; and

WHEREAS the Regional Development Act provides for the reassignment of counties between Development Regions and for the modification of regional boundaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor and State Planning Officer of the State of Minnesota, I hereby designate the following Development Regions and provide procedures for reassignment of counties to Development Regions, for designation of new Development Regions, and for the creation of Regional Development Commissions.

I. Development Regions

Development Regions for Minnesota for purposes of Section 5,

Subdivision 1 of Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act and United States Bureau of the Budget Circular A-80, Coordination of development planning for programs based on multi-jurisdictional areas and A-95 Evaluation, review and coordination of federal assistance programs and projects, and for the purposes enumerated in Executive Order No. 37 shall be those shown on the attached map and list entitled, Development Regions, and designated as Appendix I.

II. Procedure for Change in Regional Assignment

Counties may be assigned to different regions by the following procedure:

- A. Any county, after substantial consultation with other local governments, desiring to be assigned to a region other than the one to which it was assigned by this Executive Order may request reassignment by means of a formal resolution of the County Board of Commissioners addressed to the Governor. For the purpose of reassignment, all resolutions passed before the date of this Order will not be considered.
- B. The request will be approved or denied within 60 days of receipt of the resolution of the County Board requesting reassignment. In order to determine the appropriateness and public sentiment in regard to the request, meetings, as deemed desirable, will be held with local elected officials and interested citizens in the county and the affected regions. A request for reassignment will not be approved if the Development Region remaining after reassignment is: 1) smaller than four counties; 2) has an assessed valuation of less than \$30,000,000. The county requesting reassignment must be contiguous to the region to which it is seeking reassignment.
- C. If a Regional Development Commission exists in either or both of the affected regions the Commissions must be consulted within the 60 day period.
- D. If the request for reassignment is denied, the requesting county and the House and Senate will be notified in accordance with law.

III. Procedure for Designation of a New Development Region

New Development Regions may be created by the following procedures:

- A. Any county or municipality may request designation of

a new Development Region by means of a formal resolution adopted by the governing body of the county or municipality addressed to the Governor. County boards will be expected to consult with township officials in the preparation and submission of such resolutions.

When requests are received from the governing boards of counties and municipalities representing the majority of the population*, the Governor will begin the procedures outlined in paragraph III-C. The resolution shall contain a list of contiguous counties to be included in the proposed Development Region. For the purpose of requesting a new region, no resolutions passed before the date of this Order will be considered.

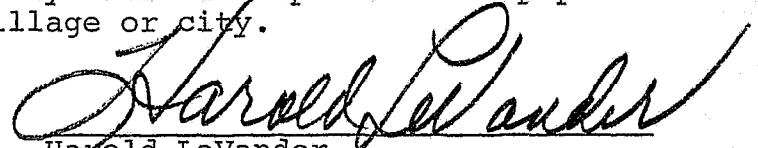
- B. The proposed Development Region shall consist of at least four (4) counties and have an assessed valuation of at least \$30,000,000. The proposed Development Region shall encompass a whole functional area that has a community of interests, with common natural, social and economic characteristics. The proposed Development Region shall not reduce any existing Development Region to: (1) less than 4 counties; (2) less than \$30,000,000 in assessed valuation.
- C. When uniform requests are received from the governing bodies of counties and municipalities which represent a majority of the population in the proposed Development Region, meetings, as deemed appropriate, shall be held with local elected officials and interested citizens affected by the proposed change. The State Urban Affairs Council shall be consulted to obtain state department viewpoint on the request. The request shall be approved or denied within 90 days of receipt of requests that represent a majority of the population in the proposed Development Region. Counties and municipalities within the proposed Development Region shall be notified as requests for the new region are received.
- D. If a Regional Development Commission exists in either or both of the affected regions, the Commission must be consulted within the 90 day period.
- E. If the request for a new region is denied, the counties and municipalities and the House and Senate will be notified.

IV. Creation of a Regional Development Commission

A Regional Development Commission may be created in accord with Section 7, Subdivision 1, Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, by the following procedure:

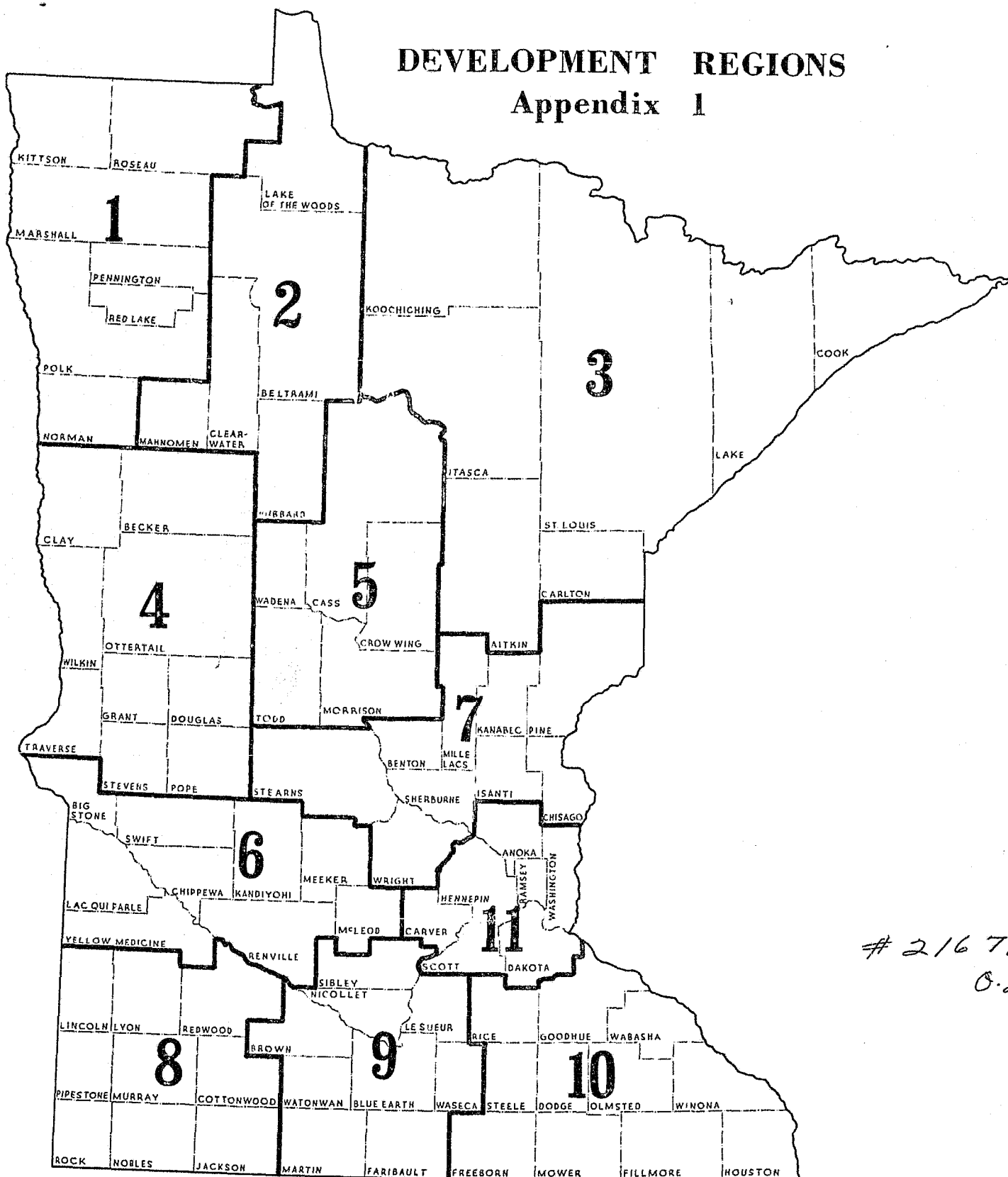
- A. Counties and municipalities may request creation of a Regional Development Commission by a formal resolution adopted by the governing body of the county or municipality addressed to the Governor. The resolution shall designate the Development Region for which the Regional Development Commission is requested.
- B. When formal requests from county boards and municipal councils which represent a majority of the population in the Development Region for which a Regional Development Commission is proposed are received, meetings as deemed appropriate will be held with local elected officials and interested citizens within the Development Region.
- C. If, within 60 days after following the procedures provided herein, it is determined that there is broad public support, and that sufficient need exists for the proposed Regional Development Commission, it shall be established pursuant to Section 7, Subdivision 3, Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, the Regional Development Act, by the appointment of the chairman. Prior to appointing a Chairman, broad consultation with elected officials and citizens of the region, shall be held to seek out a Chairman who will be able to establish good working relationships with the local governments, members of the Commission and the citizens of the region. In addition, assurance will be sought from county and municipal officials that townships will be accorded increased representation through the "citizen representation" clause. (Sec. 8, Subd. 1 (9), Chapter 1122, Laws of 1969.)
- D. If it is deemed that a Regional Development Commission is not needed nor desired, no Regional Development Commission will be established. The creation of a Regional Development Commission will not be initiated without first receiving requests from counties and municipalities representing a majority of the population as specified above.*

*For this purpose, resolutions from county boards represent the population residing in the unincorporated parts of the county, resolutions from village or city councils represent the population residing within the village or city.


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DEVELOPMENT REGIONS

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REGION 1

Kittson
Roseau
Marshall
Pennington
Red Lake
Polk
Norman

REGION 2

Lake of the Woods
Beltrami
Clearwater
Mahnomon
Hubbard

REGION 3

Koochiching
Itasca
Aitkin
Carlton
St. Louis
Lake
Cook

REGION 4

Clay
Wilkin
Traverse
Becker
Ottertail
Grant
Stevens
Douglas
Pope

REGION 5

Wadena
Cass
Crow Wing
Morrison
Todd

REGION 6

Big Stone
Swift
Lac Qui Parle
Yellow Medicine
Renville
Chippewa
Kandiyohi
Meeker
McLeod

REGION 7

Stearns
Wright
Benton
Sherburne
Mille Lacs
Kanabec
Isanti
Pine
Chisago

REGION 8

Lincoln
Pipestone
Rock
Lyon
Murray
Redwood
Cottonwood
Jackson
Nobles

REGION 9

Sibley
Nicollet
Brown
Watonwan
Martin
Faribault
Blue Earth
Waseca
LeSueur

REGION 10

Rice
Steele
Freeborn
Goodhue
Dodge
Mower
Wabasha
Olmsted
Fillmore
Winona
Houston

REGION 11

Anoka
Hennepin
Ramsey
Washington
Carver
Scott
Dakota

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CORPORATION DIVISION
*see memo for
Urban Affairs*

AMENDMENT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60

I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, pursuant to the authority and responsibility assigned to me by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 4, and Laws 1969, Chapter 1122, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 60 in regard to delineation of development regions and the formation of regional development commissions.

WHEREAS In accord with provisions contained in Executive Order No. 60 dated June 12, 1970, the County Boards of Commissioners of Big Stone, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Traverse and Yellow Medicine asked for creation of two new regions consisting of the following counties:

6W - Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Pope, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Yellow Medicine.

6E - Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, and

WHEREAS The procedures as specified in Executive Order No. 60 have been followed;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor and State Planning Officer of the State of Minnesota, I hereby amend Executive Order No. 60 as follows:

Development Regions 6W consisting of Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Pope, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Yellow Medicine, and 6E consisting of Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Renville, are hereby established on an interim basis for a six month period. If during the six months resolutions are received in accord with Chapter 1122, Laws 1969, asking for the creation of Regional Development Commissions for 6E and 6W, the commissions shall be created and the boundaries of Development Regions 6E and 6W shall remain as specified herein. If sufficient resolutions are not received during the six month period the boundaries shall revert to those established by Executive Order No. 60 dated June 12, 1970.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1970.

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