

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 5TH FLOOR, SPACE CENTER BUILDING 444 LAFAYETTE ROAD ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

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Commissioner Richard L. Brubacher Department of Administration Room 208 State Administration Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Commissioner Brubacher:

Laws of Minnesota, 1977, Chapter 430 creates the Minnesota Department of Economic Security, merges the Departments of Employment Services and Vocational Rehabilitation into the new Department, and allows for the transfer of the Governor's Manpower Office into the Department. Section 28, Subdivision 2 of Chapter 430 states: "The remaining sections are effective upon appointment of the Commissioner, provided that former departments, or agencies shall continue to exercise their functions, powers and duties which are transferred by this act until the Commissioner of Economic Security notifies the Commissioner of Administration that the Department of Economic Security is ready to commence operation."

This letter is the formal notification to you that the Department of Economic Security is ready to commence operations at 12:01 A.M. on Thursday, December 1, 1977, and that I am prepared to assume the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Employment Services and Vocational Rehabilitation and the Director of the Governor's Manpower Office at that time.

Executive Order No. 160, which transfers the administration of state and federally funded programs previously administered by the Governor's Manpower Office to the Department of Economic Security, was signed by Governor Perpich on October 31, 1977 and published in the <u>STATE REGISTER</u> on November 14, 1977. The Executive Order provides that the transfer shall occur upon this notification to you that the Department is ready to commence operation at 12:01 A.M. on December 1, 1977.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation and Management Support have been selected and their appointments are effective on December 1, 1977.

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> The official address for the department is 390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. My office, the offices of my staff, and the offices of the Deputy and the four Assistant Commissioners will be located at this address.

All delegations of authority as required by the State of Minnesota, the federal Departments of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, and Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Services Administration have been executed. The organizational charts reflecting the structure of the Department on December 1, 1977 have been submitted to your attention pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 1977, Chapter 15.06, and to the U. S. Department of Labor, for the required approvals. We are currently negotiating with the Department of Labor for approval of the Department's cost allocation methods and indirect cost plan.

We are currently conducting orientation sessions on the Department of Economic Security for the state employees who will be merged into the Department on December 1, 1977. Every effort is being made to insure an efficient and orderly transition of powers and duties so as to maintain the current levels of program services.

Sincerely,

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Michael C. Ö'Donnell Commissioner

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cc: Governor Rudy Perpich Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State, State of Minnesota

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