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EXECUTIVE ORDER 81-1

Providing For The Delegation Of Authority
And Assignment Of Duties To The Department
Of Economic Development

I, ALBERT H. QUIE, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote conditions under which communities and their locally elected government officials can fully develop, and conserve, their physical, economic and human resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to provide for a system of responsible and efficient local governance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State and its local citizens for there to be an agency of state government which can serve to facilitate more effective cooperation between the business community and local governments in all matters of economic development, community development, and state-local intergovernmental relations; and

WHEREAS, a merger of the program and activities of the Office of Local and Urban Affairs and the programs and activities of the Department of Economic Development would serve to achieve more effective and efficient cooperation between the State and its communities and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the reorganized Department of Economic Development will coordinate state-local relations, monitor and analyze the impact of state programs and policies on communities and local governments, and assist communities to identify and achieve the community and economic development objectives; and

WHEREAS, various federal statutes and rules provide to the Governor the opportunity to assign certain functions to a state department or agency; and

WHEREAS, the proper administration of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (P.L. 88-578) requires the assignment of specific duties to various state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

1. That pursuant to U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95 and U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 1082, the Department of Economic Development is designated as the agency responsible for administering the State Clearinghouse and the State Information Reception Agency. The Department of Economic Development shall enter into an agreement with the State Planning Agency for review and comment of federal grant applications by state agencies and state plans.
2. That pursuant to P.L. 93-423, as amended, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, Section 302(a), the Department of

Economic Development is designated as the agency to conduct a program of state economic development planning.

3. That pursuant to Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1954, as amended, the Department of Economic Development is designated as the agency to receive funds and to use these funds to conduct eligible planning activities and to make grants from these funds to units of local government, regional development commissions and the Metropolitan Council.
4. That pursuant to Title I, Section 107(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977, the Department of Economic Development is designated as the agency to conduct a program of technical assistance to units of local government.
5. That pursuant to P.L. 92-419, Section 306(a)(11), the Department of Economic Development in cooperation with the Governor's Rural Development Council is designated as the agency to conduct a program of rural development planning.
6. That the power in Minn. Laws 1965, Chapter 810, Section 21, Subd. 4, for the administration of the portion of the funds available from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (P.L. 88-578) made available to local units of government are hereby assigned to the Department of Economic Development and that Department shall have the following responsibilities thereunder:
 - a. Approval of all project proposals, project agreements, billings, final progress reports and correspondence pertinent to local

units of government; provided, the Department of Natural Resources is furnished a copy of all approved project agreements.

- b. The maintenance of project records including fiscal records for local units of government projects.
 - c. Final and compliance inspections and audits of local units of government on all projects.
 - d. Establishment of rules, regulations and procedures pertinent to administering the Fund to local units of government subject to the approval of the State Liaison Officer.
7. That duties of the Office of Local and Urban Affairs and the State Planning Agency set forth in Minnesota Statutes (1980) Section 4.11, Subdivision 7, Section 4.12, Subdivisions 2(6), (8), as they relate to local levels of government, Subdivisions 3, 4, 5, Section 4.16, Subdivisions 4, 5, are hereby transferred to the Department of Economic Development.
 8. That the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development is delegated such authority under Minnesota Statutes (1980) Section 4.13 as necessary to carry out duties and responsibilities hereby delegated to the Department of Economic Development.
 9. To the extent inconsistent herewith, prior Executive Orders pertaining to the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Local and Urban Affairs, State Planning Agency, and Department of Economic Development are hereby rescinded.