## DIVIE OF WINNEDOTY

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 22

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN NORMAN COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E ½ SW ¼) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Forty-three (143) North, Range Forty-five (45) West.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed wet-mesic prairie community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted animals; Tympanuchus cupido greater prairie chicken, Steganopus tricolor Wilson's phalarope, Bartramia longicauda upland clover, Microtus orchrogaster prairie vole and Hesperia dacotae dakota skipper.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which said lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner, and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as Twin Valley Prairie -- --Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Twin Valley Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the provisions of NR 300 through and including NR 303 shall apply to the use of the above designated area. 4 day of 1981. Dated this \_\_\_

> STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION WARREN SPANNAUS ATTORNEY GENERAL

C. PAUL FARACI

Deputy Attorney General

Department of Natural Resources

JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Commissioner

Department of Natural Resources

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 21

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:
In Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North, Range Forty-five (45)
West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, all of Section Thirty-six (36),
and the East Half (E 1/2) of Section Twenty-five (25);

In Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North of Range Forty-four (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E ½ SW ¼), Government Lots Three (3) and Four (4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) all in Section Thirty (30), and part of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Thirty (30) as conveyed by Warranty Deed, dated July 26, 1977 and recorded September 1, 1977 at 9 a.m. in Document No. 424979, EXCEPT that part thereof conveyed by Warranty Deed, dated August 4, 1977, and recorded September 2, 1977, at 2 p.m. in Document No. 425005, and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E ½ NW ¼), the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E ½ SW¼), Government Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼), all in Section Thirty-one (31), EXCEPT that part thereof conveyed by Warranty Deed, dated August 4, 1977, and recorded September 2, 1977, at 2 p.m. in Document No. 425005; and

In Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, parts of Government Lot Four (4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of Section One (1) and parts of Government Lots One (1), Two (2), and Three (3), and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ NE ¼) of Section Two (2) all as conveyed by Warranty Deed, dated July 26, 1977, and recorded September 1, 1977, at 9 a.m. in Document No. 424979.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed mesic prairie maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted plants and animals; <a href="Habernaria leucophaea">Habernaria leucophaea</a> prairie white fringed orchis, <a href="Tympanuchus cupido">Tympanuchus cupido</a> greater prairie chicken, <a href="Steganopus tricolor">Steganopus tricolor</a> Wilson's phalarope, <a href="Coturnicops noveboracensis">Coturnicops noveboracensis</a> yellow rail, <a href="Ammospiza caudacuta">Ammospiza caudacuta</a> sharp-tailed sparrow and <a href="Bartramia longicauda">Bartramia longicauda</a> upland sandpiper.