

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 82-9

## PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, recent snow and rain in the Red River Valley have resulted in extremely wet field conditions, thereby threatening the timely removal of sugar beets and potatoes prior to winter freezing; and

WHEREAS, those wet conditions will result in additional days required to complete the harvest; and

WHEREAS, a delay in the harvest in 1981 resulted in crop spoilage and economic loss for those perishable crops, and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that immediate action be taken to

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avoid similar losses this harvest season and to protect the economic health and safety of people in Northwestern Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I declare an emergency to exist in Red River Valley and hereby direct the Commissioner of Transportation to issue overweight transportation permits to potato and sugar beet haulers subject to the following restrictions:

- Permits are subject to the condition that no axle or group of axles may exceed statutory weights by more than 10 percent.
- 2. Permits shall apply to single unit trucks only.
- 3. Permits shall apply to commodities moved between the production area and the production storage site only. Permits shall not apply to movement of commodities between storage sites and processing plants.
- 4. The duration of this emergency shall be from the current date to completion of the 1982 potato and sugar beet harvest, but not later than November 15, 1982.
- 5. This emergency order is limited to the Counties of Clay, Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk and Wilkin.
- 6. Vehicles that wish to take advantage of this overweight permit must be licensed for the increased