

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84-2

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83-38

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Minnesotans take pride in their state and have an active concern for maintaining and improving its ecological and economic environment; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that quality environment and a genuine commitment to sound resource utilization will provide a more favorable climate for business enterprise in the state; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing awareness on the part of individuals and organizations of the need to take greater responsibility for their environment; and

WHEREAS, an organized program of resource recycling and community revitalization would greatly enhance efforts already underway that emphasize our quality of life; and

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WHEREAS, efforts to facilitate and encourage public and private initiatives in these areas are both promising and beneficial; and

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WHEREAS, many of the activities dealing with the environment by the Governor's Quality Environment Program are directly or indirectly related with the goals of the Department of Energy and Economic Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

- The transfer of the personnel and activities of the Governor's Quality Environment Program to the Department of Energy and Economic Development, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 15.0593 and other applicable statutes.
- The establishment of the Governor's Council on Environmental Resources Development, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 15.0593 and other applicable statutes.
 - a. The Council shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor who shall be experienced or interested in resource recycling, community revitalization, or any other activities compatible with the aims of this Executive Order.
 - b. The chairperson of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor from among the members.
 - c. The Commissioners of Agriculture, Education, Natural Resources, Transportation, Energy and Economic Development, and State Planning, and the Executive Director of the Pollution Control Agency, or their designees, are hereby instructed to work with the Council to accomplish its aims set forth below.
 - d. Members of the Council shall not receive per diem, but may be reimbursed for travel and other ordinary and necessary expenses.

2. The appointment of an Executive Director, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, to coordinate the activities of this Council.

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3. The Executive Director, with the Council as advisors, is charged as follows:

- a. To identify and find ways to coordinate and make more effective existing and proposed programs for recycling.
- b. To identify and find ways to coordinate and make more effective existing and proposed programs for community revitalization.
- c. To identify and find ways to coordinate and make more effective existing and proposed programs of public information and awareness in these areas.
- d. Where necessary to meet identified needs in these areas, to recommend additional programs to augment those already existing or proposed.
- e. To coordinate and encourage efforts in both the public and private sector to plant trees, for aesthetic enjoyment and for economic benefit, by maintaining and increasing the urban forest.
- f. To plan, organize, coordinate, and direct a Keep Minnesota Beautiful Program, and to recommend steps to make this program a continuing effort.
- g. To implement the recommendations in the Report to the Governor and Legislature issued February 1, 1984.
- 4. The Executive Director, with the Council as advisors, is authorized to solicit, receive, and disburse, on behalf of the state, funds to further the purposes for which it is established. These funds shall be transferred to the State Department of Energy and Economic Development's Gift Fund Account and/or Seminar Account.

5. The Executive Director and/or chairperson, may appoint advisory committees composed of individuals who have interest or expertise to assist in its work. Such appointees shall receive no reimbursement.

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 The Executive Director may, subject to the availability of funds, contract with such individuals and organizations as may be able to assist in carrying out the duties of the Council.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1982, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this <u>Ind</u> day of February, 1984.

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