STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 36

ESTABLISHING THE MARY SCHMIDT CRAWFORD WOODS SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS: The South Half (S 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) except that part lying West of the State Aid Highway #126 containing approximately 2.87 acres and the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 25; all in Township 120 North, Range 25 West are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain an intact remnant of a State Endangered Maple-Basswood Forest, also known as the "Big Woods" community, and the habitat supporting the rare species Ginseng (<u>Panax quinquefolium</u>); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such 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 N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above-described area as the Mary Schmidt Crawford Woods Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Mary Schmidt Crawford Woods Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limited to programs conducted by qualified

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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 provision of Minn. Rules Parts 6135.4500 through 6135.5000, inclusive, shall apply to the abovedesignated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 16 day of 1986.

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ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER J 62 Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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