STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-12

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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, disabilities affect a significant number of Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS, modern technology has been a major force in improving the quality of life for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, while technology is widely available in general, application to the special long term needs of persons with disabilities is slow, sporadic and uneven; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's economy has prospered from a strong high technology industry and an outstanding medical and research community;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

The Governor's Advisory Council on Technology and Persons with Disabilities be created. The Council shall consist of fifteen members including a chair to be appointed by the Governor. Members should represent the private sector, consumers, service agencies, third party funding sources, education and library systems. Ex-officio members shall represent the Council on Biotechnology, the Departments of Education, Human Services, Jobs and Training, the Office of Science and Technology, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, and the Minnesota State Council for the Handicapped.

The Advisory Council on Technology and People with Disabilities shall:

1. Establish a mechanism to gather information on existing technologies and disseminate that information through a central collection site.

2. Develop a statewide media campaign to heighten awareness of the public of available technology based products for persons with disabilities.

3. Develop a strategy for technology related training for professionals in special education, rehabilitation, county case management and other areas of caregiving as well as families.

4. Assist the private sector in identifying and documenting needs and existing technologies in order to help them design products usable by and accessible to people with disabilities.

5. Investigate the establishment of grants, tax credits, and other incentives to encourage the development, modification, and transfer of technologies to meet the needs of disabled persons and to assist consumers paying for needed devices and services.
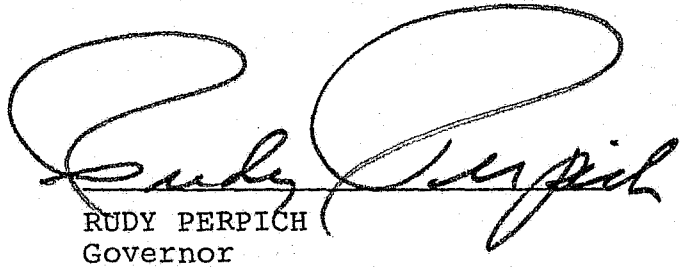
6. Initiate legislative and rule changes that encourage rather than prevent technological advances.

7. Investigate the proposal for a Minnesota Center for Technology for Disabled Persons that would coordinate, support, and advance technology uses and applications for persons with disabilities through implementation and training, information dissemination, technical services, research and development, and technology transfer.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (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 Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this twenty-third day of October, 1986.

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Joan Anderson Growe,
Secretary of State

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RUDY PERPICH
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DEPARTMENT   Secretary of State

TO   :   Whom It May Concern   DATE: 12/5/86

FROM :   Bert Black, Director, Corporations Division   PHONE: 6-9215

SUBJECT: ATTACHED EXECUTIVE ORDER

The attached Executive Order has been filed with the Office of the Secretary of State as an Official Document. However, inadvertantly, no filing date stamp was affixed to the Executive Order at the time it was signed by the Secretary of State.

According to the Office of the Governor, their procedure has been to send the Order to this office for signature on the day the Governor signs the Order, which is indicated on the Order just above his signature.