STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 39

ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSEND WOODS SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:

East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West.

That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West, Rice County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section 18;

thence on an assumed bearing of North 86° 26' 23" East along the north line of said SW 1/4 1629.20 feet to the point of beginning;

thence South 01° 49' 22" East 508.59 feet; thence South 53° 26' 37" East 111.60 feet; thence South 07° 33' 18" West 364.02 feet; thence North 89° 29' 46" West 119.99 feet;

thence South 09° 08' 28" East 377.56 feet to the south line

of said W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4;

thence North 86° 13' 23" East along said south line of the W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 406.36 feet to the southeast corner thereof;

thence North 01° 06' 35" East along the east line of said W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 1307.51 feet to the northeast corner

thence South 86° 26' 23" West along the north line of said W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 429.59 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO, that part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N 1/2SW 1/4) of said Section 18, being a strip of land 33.00 feet in width lying southerly and easterly of, parallel with, adjacent and contiguous to the following described line:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said N 1/2 SW 1/4; thence South 00° 15' 05" West along the west line of said N 1/2 SW 1/4 375.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 86° 26' 23" East parallel with the north line of said N 1/2 SW 1/4 260.00 feet;

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thence North 10° 40' 32" East 386.03 feet to a point on the north line of said N 1/2 SW 1/4 distant 330.00 feet easterly of the northwest corner thereof; thence North 86° 26' 23" East along said north line 1299.20 feet and there terminating,

are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed state endangered Big Woods plant community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota; 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 Townsend Woods Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Townsend Woods Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limited to 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.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provision of Minn. Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000, inclusive, shall apply to the above-designated area.

> JOSER N. ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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