

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88-11  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
STATE AGENCY RECYCLING PROGRAMS

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, the generation and disposal of solid waste has reached a crisis stage throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, millions of pounds of solid waste includes items which were once manufactured as durable/reusable or recyclable; many of those items are now disposable/non-degradable and non-recyclable and contribute in great measure to the load on our waste disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has recently announced a federal strategy to reduce the nation's solid waste by 25 percent in the next four years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has always been a leader in innovation and progressive environmental protection policy; and

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WHEREAS, I have appointed a "Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment" made up of business, industry, labor, government, recyclers, legislators, and environmental group representatives, to develop recommendations for a comprehensive approach to recycling enhancement, waste and litter reduction; and

WHEREAS, the state agencies responsible for waste management are in the process of finalizing a "State Solid Waste Management Policy Report"; and

WHEREAS, a "Degradable Plastics Task Force" has been created to develop recommendations on the feasibility and consequences of requiring industry and consumer products to be degraded; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Laws, 1988, Chapter 688, Article 17, provide that by July 1, 1990 all public agencies cannot use or purchase polyethylene disposal bags that are not degradable.

WHEREAS, I urge local government agencies in Minnesota to take a coordinated and aggressive approach to develop programs which will reduce solid waste and litter, remove problem materials from the waste stream, and encourage the use and production of environmentally safe recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, I urge local government agencies in Minnesota to purchase recycled materials in order to help create markets for such materials and reduce the volume of the solid waste stream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. State government agencies shall take an aggressive approach to develop programs which will reduce solid waste and litter, remove problem materials from the waste stream, and encourage the use and production of environmentally safe recyclable materials.

2. In order to take a demonstrated leadership position at the state level, each state agency, in consultation with the Department of Administration, shall provide convenient recycling programs for at least: newspapers, office paper, and metal beverage containers. These programs shall be implemented as soon as possible, and no later than June 30, 1989. Implementation plans for these programs shall be submitted to the Department of Administration by Jan. 31, 1989.
  
3. State government agencies shall when practicable purchase recycled materials in order to help create markets for such materials and reduce the volume of the solid waste stream.

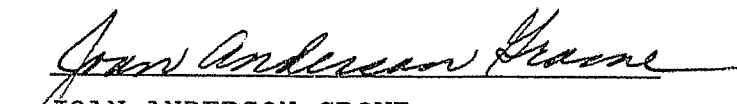
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1986, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 28th day of September, 1988.



RUDY PERPICH  
Governor

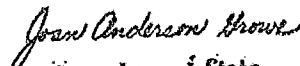
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