STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 49 HYTHECKER PRAIRIE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in Dodge County, Minnesota, described as:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township One Hundred Seven North (107N), Range Eighteen West (18W).

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain mesic tall grass prairie communities, as well as the following rare, threatened or endangered plant species: wild indigo (<u>Baptisia bracteata</u> and <u>B.</u> <u>leucantha</u>), rattlesnake master (<u>Eryngium yuccifolium</u>), wild quinine (<u>Parthenium integrifolium</u>), tuberous Indian plantain (<u>Cacalia plantaginea</u>), cowbane (<u>Oxypolis rigidior</u>), and cream gentian (<u>Gentiana flavida</u>); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner 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 Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, and other applicable law, do hereby designate the above-described lands as Hythecker Prairie

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Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Hythecker Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general public educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn.

Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000 shall apply to the abovedesignated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of

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van JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner

Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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