## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 50 BONANZA PRAIRIE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in Big Stone County, Minnesota, described as:

Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4) lying easterly of the State Park road and its northern extension to the north line of Section Twenty (20) excepting that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section 20 not acquired by the State of Minnesota as shown on the attached Exhibit A, and as posted, all in Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123) North, Range Forty-eight (48) West.

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain a glacial-till hill prairie plant community as well as the state threatened plant Missouri milkvetch (<u>Astragalus missouriensis</u>) and the rare prairie moonwort (<u>Botrychium campestre</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 Bonanza Prairie

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

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

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of

glow, 1989.

JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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