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> DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 61 OSMUNDSON PRAIRIE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

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

The North One Hundred Eighty-five (185) feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township One Hundred and One North (101N), Range Twenty-four West (24W).

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain a mesic blacksoil prairie community, as well as the following rare, threatened or endangered plant species: tuberous Indian plantain (<u>Cacalia</u> <u>plantaginea</u>) and rattlesnake master (<u>Eryngium yuccifolium</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 Osmundson Prairie Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Osmundson Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit,

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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 abovedesignated area as long as they are not inconsistent with an easement for ingress and egress over the east 30 feet of the North One Hundred Eighty-five (185) feet of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) lying westerly of the township road right-of-way for access to the remainder of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4).

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this _/6_ day of

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Nov. 1989.

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JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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