STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 63 FRENCHMAN'S BLUFF SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

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

The North half of the South half of the Southeast Quarter (N $1/2 \ S \ 1/2 \ SE \ 1/4$), the North four (4) rods of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S $1/2 \ SE \ 1/4 \ SE \ 1/4$), and the East 620 feet of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S $1/2 \ SE \ 1/4 \ SE \ 1/4$), EXCEPT the North Sixty-six (66) feet thereof, of Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Forty-three North (143N), Range Forty-three West (43W).

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain dry, gravel prairie plant communities as well as the following rare, threatened or endangered plant and animal species: Dakota skipper (<u>Hesperia</u> <u>dacotae</u>), prairie moonwort (<u>Botrychium campestre</u>), and grasshopper mouse (<u>Onychomys leucogaster</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 Frenchman's Bluff

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Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Frenchman's Bluff 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 abovedesignated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of Mov ____, 1989.

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JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, III Attorney General

C. PAUL FARACI Deputy Attorney General

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