STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 65 McGREGOR MARSH SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

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

Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1/2 NW 1/4) and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S 1/2 NE 1/4) of Section Five (5), EXCEPTING the Soo Line Railroad right-of-way, Township Forty-seven (47) North, Range Twenty-three (23) West.

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain an extensive sedge marsh with the following rare, threatened or endangered animal species: yellow rail (<u>Coturnicops noveboracensis</u>) and sharp-tailed sparrow (<u>Ammodramus caudacutus</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 McGregor Marsh Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the McGregor Marsh 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, except that public hunting is permitted during legal open seasons.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of

ALEXANDER, Commissioner JOS EPH N.

Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, III Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General

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