STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 66 MOOSE MOUNTAIN NORTHERN HARDWOODS SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in St. Louis County, Minnesota, described as:

Tract "B" of Registered Land Survey No. 8 and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Fifty-one (51) North, Range Thirteen (13) West.

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain an excellent example of a threatened northern hardwoods community, that contains the following rare, threatened or endangered plant species: white baneberry (<u>Actea pachypoda</u>), carolina spring beauty (<u>Claytonia</u> <u>caroliniana</u>) and moschatel (<u>Adoxa moschatellina</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 Moose Mountain Northern Hardwoods Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Moose Mountain Northern Hardwoods Scientific and Natural Area is

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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 ______ day of

Mov. 1989.

JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, III Attorney General

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