EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-01
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
GOVERNOR'S STATE CAPITOL 2005 COMMISSION

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will celebrate the centennial of the opening of the State Capitol Building in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol is Minnesota's premier example of classical architecture designed by architect Cass Gilbert as the central location for state government operations and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol Building has undergone significant structural improvements to the exterior and the state has begun historic interior restoration over the past decade and a half; and;

WHEREAS, the State Capitol Building, according to the 1988 Minnesota State Capitol Comprehensive Preservation Plan and Implementation Strategy, needs to undergo further major renovation, rehabilitation, and restoration in order to complete the historic restoration; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to bring the State Capitol Building up to date, modernize its infrastructure, comply with life safety codes, provide needed technological capabilities, and preserve it for future generations; and

WHEREAS, other state capitols throughout the country are undergoing major restoration efforts at this time; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota must ensure that restoration of the State Capitol Building and the surrounding grounds are appropriately planned in conjunction with the 2005 celebration and that a long-term plan is developed for the future preservation and use of the Capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order:

The establishment of the Governor's State Capitol 2005 Commission.

1. The main purposes of the Commission are to guide:
   - Development of plans for the centennial celebration of the Capitol in 2005, and
   - Advocacy for private funds for improvements to the Capitol and its grounds, and for its centennial celebration.

2. The Commission shall be composed of 15 members with 11 members appointed by the Governor. The Commission shall consist of a collaboration of civic leaders from both the public and private sector, the majority of whom shall be of the private sector. The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Minnesota State Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the Minnesota House of Representatives are each requested to appoint one member of the Legislature to serve on the Commission. The chair of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall be the convener of the Commission.
3. The Commission shall participate with Admin and the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) in identifying which historically appropriate improvements to the public and ceremonial spaces of the Capitol can be completed prior to 2005 in order to allow for the year’s celebrations to proceed. Any such improvements will be consistent with the predesign for the State Capitol to be completed in 2001 under the auspices of the State Capitol Predesign Advisory Group. Any such improvements also shall be consistent with the original architectural design of the Capitol.

4. The Commission shall provide leadership for obtaining private funds in order to implement plans for the Capitol’s restoration and centennial celebration.

5. The Department of Administration and the CAAPB shall provide staff and consultant support and the Commission shall have the ability to request staff support from other agencies of state government, as needed, for the execution of the responsibilities of the Commission.

6. State agencies shall cooperate with the Commission by providing relevant information for the Commission’s review and in the implementation of the recommendations.

7. The Commission shall develop a fundraising program to secure donations from the private sector to help fund the restoration of the State Capitol Building and for the Capitol’s centennial celebration.

The Commission shall submit periodic progress reports to the Governor.
This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this twenty-third day of March, 2001.

JESSE VENTURA
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State