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, major overland flooding is threatening the Mississippi River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, these conditions threaten to inflict widespread and considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there is a threat to public safety for citizens in the vicinity of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. State agencies be authorized to provide assistance to local jurisdictions as coordinated through the State Emergency Operations Center.

2. The Division of Emergency Management continue to implement the State’s Emergency Operations Plan.

3. Kevin Leuer, Director of Emergency Management, be appointed as the Governor’s
Authorized Representative (GAR) for coordination of the flood-fighting operations in Minnesota.

4. The Director of the Division of Emergency Management acting as the GAR is authorized to request assistance from and coordinate with the federal government to enhance the flood-fighting activity in Minnesota.

5. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about April 7, 2001, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required, and for such period of time as necessary to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Minnesota from spring flooding.

6. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease or contract goods or services necessary to accomplish the mission.

7. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said individuals shall by defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 2000, Sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.51 and 192.52.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2000, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required or the flooding conditions no longer pose a threat to life and property.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this seventeenth day of April, 2001.

JESSE VENTURA
Governor

MARY KIFFMeyer
Secretary of State