I, TIM PAWLIENTY, 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, due to dry conditions and strong winds, a wildfire in the Appleton, Minnesota, area has spread into terrain not accessible by ground-based firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the fire danger rating remains extreme throughout much of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Swift County does not have adequate local resources for fighting this fire; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center has requested fire suppression assets from the Minnesota National Guard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about April 13, 2003, 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 assist and support wildfire suppression in West Central Minnesota.

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

3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 2002, Sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.52 and 192.54.
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2002, 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 14th day of April, 2003.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State