Tim Pawlenty  
Governor

Executive Order 03-07  
Providing for the Establishment of the  
Governor's State Quarter Dollar Commission

I, TIM PAWLENTY, 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 United States Mint has implemented a program in accordance with Public Law 105-124, to commemorate each of the 50 states in the order in which the states ratified the United States Constitution and joined the Union; and

WHEREAS, for the ten-year period from 1999 through 2008, the United States will annually issue five quarter dollar coins with state designs displayed on the reverse side of the coins; and

WHEREAS, each state has an opportunity to develop and submit designs representative of the state; and

WHEREAS, quarter dollar coins are collected for generations, providing an opportunity for wide distribution of an enduring symbol of our state; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota entered the Union as the 32nd state on May 11, 1858, and the quarter dollar honoring the State of Minnesota will be issued in 2005;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the establishment of the Governor's State Quarter Dollar Commission.

1. The purpose of the Commission is to select the design concepts and recommend the final design of the quarter dollar for the State of Minnesota for submission to
the United States Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act (P.L. 105-124).

2. The Commission shall be composed of 15 members, as follows:
   a. The Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, or designee,
   b. The Commissioner of Education, or designee,
   c. The Executive Director of the State Arts Board, or designee,
   d. The Secretary of State, or designee,
   e. A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Majority Leader,
   f. A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader,
   g. A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House,
   h. A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader,
   i. Seven members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
      i. one high-school social studies teacher,
      ii. one elementary school teacher,
      iii. one student,
      iv. a member of the American Numismatic Association,
      v. three public members, no more than two of whom may be numismatists.

3. The Chair of the Commission shall be designated by the Governor. Staff support shall be provided by the Governor’s office or a state agency designated by the Governor.

4. Commission members shall serve on a voluntary basis, and are not eligible for payment of expenses from the Governor’s office.

5. The Commission shall adopt and publicize procedures and guidelines for selection of design narratives for Minnesota’s quarter dollar, and invite submission of design narratives by a date certain. The Commission’s procedures and guidelines shall be consistent with the requirements of the 50 States Commemorative Coin Act.

6. The Commission shall review the design narratives and forward five submissions as finalists in the design selection process to the United States Mint.
7. Upon approval of the design selection finalists by the United States Secretary of the Treasury, the Commission shall seek public comment on the finalists, which may or may not include a public poll.

8. To the extent possible, the Commission shall include schools in the process of submitting design narratives, recommending design selections, and participating in the 50 State Quarters Program Lesson Plans prepared by the United States Mint.

9. After consideration of recommendations made by the Commission, the Governor shall submit a design to the United States Mint for presentation to the United States Secretary of the Treasury for final approval.


Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Executive Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and will remain in effect until December 31, 2005, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 1st day of May 2003.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State