I, TIM PAWLERTY, 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, on the evening of June 24, 2003, a tornado and heavy rain hit Buffalo Lake and the surrounding area in Renville County in south-central Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the tornado and heavy rain caused minor injuries, flooding, severe damage to public and private property, closed roads, uprooted trees, and damaged power lines; and

WHEREAS, the city and county do not have adequate local resources for providing security, traffic control, and debris clearance and other necessary emergency relief measures; and

WHEREAS, the Renville County Sheriff has requested assistance 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 June 24, 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 with security, traffic control, debris clearance and other necessary emergency relief measures in the area of Buffalo Lake, in Renville County, 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 by 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 25th day of June, 2003.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State