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, on December 21, 2003, the United States Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security raised the national terrorist threat level to orange; and

WHEREAS, although there is no specific information of a potential terrorist threat involving Minnesota, state and local officials believe it is necessary to show a heightened presence of armed security forces at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police for the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport has requested the assistance of the National Guard to provide increased security at the airport and surrounding grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about December 23, 2003, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such a period of time as necessary to provide roving security patrols at the airport facilities and surrounding grounds.

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

3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of activated members of the Minnesota National Guard shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 2002, Sections 192.49, Subds. 1 and 2; 192.52, 192.54 and as otherwise permitted by law.
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 23rd day of December, 2003.

TIM PAWLIENTY  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIF MEYER  
Secretary of State