I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this executive order:

WHEREAS, increased use of agricultural renewable fuels such as ethanol, biodiesel and hydrogen made from agricultural products will reduce Minnesota's dependence on imported oil and help protect our environment; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's rural communities and agricultural economy stand to benefit enormously from increased use of these renewable fuels; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota leads the nation in the production and use of ethanol and biodiesel and Minnesota is a charter member of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition; and

WHEREAS, compared to other states, Minnesota has a unique economic advantage in the ability to produce clean, renewable, domestic fuels; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 04-08 provides for state departments to take actions to reduce air pollution in daily operations; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.135 requires state agencies, where feasible, to use cleaner fuels like ethanol, biodiesel, and hydrogen in state vehicles, and to purchase vehicles capable of being powered by these cleaner fuels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order:

1. Using 2005 as a baseline, the State of Minnesota shall reduce the use of gasoline by on-road vehicles owned by state departments by 25 percent by 2010 and by 50 percent by

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2. To meet the goals established above, each state department will, whenever legally, technically and economically feasible, subject to the specific needs of the department and responsible management of agency finances:

a. Ensure that at least 75 percent of purchases of new on-road vehicles, excluding emergency and law enforcement vehicles:

   (1) use “cleaner fuels” as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.135, clauses 1, 3 and 4; or

   (2) have fuel efficiency ratings that exceed 30 miles per gallon for city usage or 35 miles per gallon for highway usage, including but not limited to hybrid electric cars and hydrogen-powered vehicles.

b. Increase its use of renewable transportation fuels, including ethanol, biodiesel and hydrogen from agricultural products.

c. Increase its use of web-based Internet applications and other electronic information technologies to enhance the access to and delivery of government information and services to the public, and reduce the reliance on the department’s fleet for the delivery of such information and services.

3. The Commissioner for the Department of Administration, or designee, shall chair a SmartFleet Committee consisting of representatives designated by the commissioners of the Pollution Control Agency, Department of Agriculture and Department of Commerce and other state departments that wish to participate. To ensure effective and efficient state participation under this order, the SmartFleet Committee shall assist state departments in implementing the requirements of this order, including providing information, guidance, sample policies and procedures, and technical and planning assistance.

4. The SmartFleet Committee shall evaluate the goals and directives established above by December 2006 and periodically thereafter. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Governor for new or adjusted goals and directives, in light of the progress the state has made implementing this order, and of the availability of new or improved technologies.

5. For the systematic and efficient monitoring of progress in implementing this order by the Smart Fleet committee, the Department of Administration shall implement a fleet reporting and information management system. Each state department will use this management system to demonstrate its progress in complying with this order.
6. Petroleum-based diesel fuel used in a vehicle which a state department has retrofit to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and to add additional emissions control technologies is excluded when evaluating progress toward the reduction goals established in paragraph 1 of this Order. This exclusion applies only to vehicles purchased before the model year in which the federal Environmental Protection Agency’s new clean diesel emission reduction rules take effect.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 4.035, subd. 3

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand on this 27th day of September 2004.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law:

MARY KIFMEYER
Secretary of State