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

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2007, a snow storm, high winds and ice covered roads caused white-out conditions and extremely dangerous travel across much of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, motorists traveling along Interstates 90 and 35 in far southern Minnesota were stranded in the Albert Lea area due to the extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff does not have adequate local resources for providing emergency shelter for stranded motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Sheriff requested use of the Albert Lea Training and Community Center to provide emergency shelter for stranded motorists in far southern Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about December 23, 2007, 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 provide emergency shelter for travelers stranded due to severe winter weather conditions in the Albert Lea area.

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 2006, Sections 192.49, 192.52 and 192.54.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 4.035, Subdivision 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 26th day of December, 2007.

TIM Pawlenty
Governor

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State