I, TIM PAWLENTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes 2006, Chapter 12, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on June 7 and 8, a stalled storm system dropped up to 10 inches of rain in areas of Southeastern Minnesota, resulting in flash flooding and mudslides in portions of Houston and Fillmore counties; and

WHEREAS, the flooding has required the evacuation of homes, and resulted in damage to personal property, homes, businesses and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Houston and Fillmore counties have declared an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county and state governments must be fully utilized to insure the necessary response, damage assessment and recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:


2. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will activate the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan and provide assistance to the affected local governments in determining the need for supplementary disaster aid.
3. All state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, are directed to provide the assistance necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the emergency status no longer requires emergency response.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 10th day of June, 2008.

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed according to law:

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State