I, Mark Dayton, 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, on Tuesday, April 9th, 2013 a winter storm affected southern Minnesota, which resulted in widespread power outages and significant debris issues;

Whereas, dangerous weather conditions including freezing rain, sleet, ice, strong winds and heavy snow resulted in hundreds of downed power poles and trees, and dangerous travel conditions;

Whereas, the disruption of emergency communication and local transmission systems, created an imminent danger to persons and property, presenting an immediate need to activate emergency resources;

Whereas, the resources of the affected local and county governments are inadequate to meet the demands generated by the winter conditions;

Whereas, storm conditions are expected to worsen tonight, overnight, and throughout the day on Thursday, April 11th, 2013;

Whereas, widespread power outages and related damage has resulted in a request for assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to support recovery and sheltering of impacted jurisdictions.
Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about April 10th, 2013, 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 assistance and emergency relief services.

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

3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay, and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, subdivisions 1 and 2; 192.52; 192.54; and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 10th day of April, 2013.

Mark Dayton  
Governor

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Mark Ritchie  
Secretary of State