Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota

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, beginning on June 11, 2014, persistent and continuing high precipitation severe summer storms affected counties across the state causing flooding, road washouts, mudslides, and wind damage necessitating road closures and creating life safety issues; and

Whereas, dangerous driving conditions resulted in multiple stranded vehicles and these conditions created an imminent danger to persons and property, presenting an immediate need to activate emergency resources; and

Whereas, the affected counties’ emergency operations plans are activated, cities and counties have declared local emergencies, and local jurisdictions are requesting state assistance and resources; and

Whereas, the resources of local, county, and state governments are being fully utilized to ensure immediate response to protect the life and safety of persons in the affected areas and to protect property and infrastructure from additional damage; and

Whereas, the Sheriff of Koochiching County has requested the assistance of the Minnesota National Guard to support flood fighting efforts.

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. A State of Emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2013, Section 12.31 exists in the counties of Beltrami, Blue Earth, Brown, Dodge, Faribault, Freeborn, Goodhue, Grant, Hubbard, Jackson, Lake of the Woods, Le Sueur, Lyon, Koochiching, McLeod, Morrison,
Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Renville, Rice, Rock, Roseau, Saint Louis, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Todd, and Waseca.

2. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, will activate the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan, continue the provision of on-site support and assistance to the affected local governments, and determine the need for supplementary emergency assistance.

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.

4. The Adjutant General of Minnesota will order to state active duty on or about June 19, 2014, 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.

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

6. 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, 192.52, 192.54, and as otherwise permitted by law.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Executive Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance. This peacetime emergency shall remain in effect for five days, unless extended in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 19th day of June, 2014.

Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State