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, extreme winter weather conditions and lack of snow cover have caused freezing of septic systems over much of Minnesota;

Whereas, it is urgent that immediate action be taken to prevent danger to public health and to avoid further damage to septic systems;

Whereas, the seasonal load restrictions, as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2 went into effect on March 5, 2018 in the southeast and metro zones; on March 6, 2018 in the south zone; and will go into effect in the other portions of the state in the near future; and

Whereas, these seasonal load restrictions will impair the removal of sewage from septic systems and increase the harm caused by leakage and rupture of septic systems.

Now, Therefore, I hereby declare that:

1. A state of emergency exists in Minnesota, and that vehicles used to pump and/or transport sewage from septic systems be exempted from the seasonal load restrictions on local and state highways and streets, imposed in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.87, subdivisions 1 and 2, while providing emergency septic system pumping services.
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. It remains in effect until June 1, 2018.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 9th day of March, 2018.

Mark Dayton  
Governor

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