EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84

Providing for a Declaration of Disaster.

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, unusually heavy rainfall in northwestern Minnesota during the fall of 1973; heavy winter snows during the winter of 1973-74, coupled with rains of up to six inches following spring breakup of 1974, have resulted in disastrous flooding; and

WHEREAS, areas have been devastated and ravaged to an extreme degree; and,

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, and State governments are committed to saving lives, protecting property, and restoration of essential facilities and services; and,

WHEREAS, recovery from the destruction is beyond the capability of the local, county, and State governments; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions have resulted in extreme hardship on the people of the affected areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I declare a State of Disaster to exist in the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Red Lake, and Roseau, and do further direct the agencies of the State, in cooperation with appropriate Federal agencies, to provide such aid to stricken areas and people as provided under existing State and Federal statutory authority.

I hereby further request Mr. Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, to declare the above counties a major disaster area under provisions of Public Law 606, 91st Congress, or any other applicable law, and to make available such Federal assistance as provided by law.

This order shall be effective May 20, 1974.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 20th day of May, 1974.

Wendell R. Anderson

Filed according to Law:

Arlen I. Erdahl
Secretary of State