EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 145

Making State Resources Available
To Remove Dilapidated Buildings

I, Rudy Perpich, 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, responsible government is premised upon the basis of resolving problems which pose a threat to the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, dilapidated buildings provide shelter and breeding places for vermin, endanger surrounding property and public safety because of the fire hazards they contain, and threaten injury to children and other visitors because of hidden defects and other dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the owners of dilapidated buildings which are not suitable for rehabilitation and the units of government in which these buildings are located often lack the financial resources to properly remove a dilapidated building; and
WHEREAS, state assistance in removing dilapidated buildings would serve the public purpose of eliminating dangers posed to the citizens of this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. That Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources equipment and personnel be made available to local units of government for the purpose of removing dilapidated buildings providing:

   a. That the dilapidated building be voluntarily surrendered to the local unit of government by the owner and that it be accepted by same.

   b. That the local unit of government assume liability for the removal activities.

   c. That the local unit of government provide for a suitable site for disposal of debris from the demolition and for the restoration of the site to a natural condition.

   d. That no building shall be removed which has architectural or historic value as determined by the local and state historical societies.

This order shall be effective upon publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until January 30, 1978.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I herunto set my hand on this 11th day of April, 1977.

Rudy Perpich, Governor

FILED ACCORDING TO LAW:

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State