EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 160

Providing for the transfer of the administration of State and Federally-funded programs previously administered by the Governor's Manpower Office to the Department of Economic Security, and Repealing Executive Order No. 125

I, Rudy Perpich, 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, the United States of America, pursuant to the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, has made available to the State of Minnesota funds to provide a system of state and local manpower programs that provide job training, employment opportunities, education and other services for economically disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed persons, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, pursuant to the Federal Social Security Act and the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, has made available to the State of Minnesota funds for the implementation of a demonstrational training and employment project entitled the Work Equity Program as envisaged by Laws 1977, Chapter 301, and
WHEREAS, the United States of America pursuant to the Federal Economic Opportunity Act and the Federal Community Services Act has made available to the State of Minnesota funds for the purpose of providing for state level and statewide advocacy, policy development, coordination, and implementation of state and federally funded anti-poverty demonstration programs, including certain programs funded under the Federal Energy Conservation and Production Act and the Federal Housing Community Development Act of 1974, and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, pursuant to the Federal Older American Community Services Employment Act, has made available funds to the State of Minnesota for the purpose of promoting useful part-time opportunities in community service activities for certain unemployed persons, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Manpower Office, as established by Executive Order 79, dated March 20, 1974, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, has been responsible for the administration of programs established under the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, the Federal Economic Opportunity Act, the Older American Community Service Employment Act, and the Federal Community Services Act, and with the administration of the Work Equity Program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Security, as established by Laws 1977, Chapter 430, has been charged with broad responsibility in the operation of job training and placement programs and the development of manpower policy for the State of Minnesota, and
WHEREAS, Laws 1977, Chapter 430, provides that the Department of Economic Security shall assume the functions, powers and duties which are transferred to it by Laws 1977, Chapter 430 when the Commissioner of Economic Security notifies the Commissioner of Administration that the Department of Economic Security is ready to commence operation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. That upon notification of the Commissioner of Administration by the Commissioner of Economic Security that the Department of Economic Security is ready to commence operation:
   a. The Governor's Manpower Office as established by paragraph four of Executive Order 79, dated March 20, 1974, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, providing for the implementation of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, shall be abolished and all powers, duties, and functions heretofore vested in or imposed upon the Governor's Manpower Office shall be transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the Commissioner of Economic Security.
   b. The Department of Economic Security shall be the state agency to act for the Governor in applying for, receiving and accepting funds granted to the State of Minnesota for the operation of the programs under the Federal Comprehensive Employment
and Training Act, the Federal Economic Opportunity Act, the Federal Community Services Act, the Federal Older American Community Services Employment Act, the Federal Social Security Act, the Federal Energy Conservation and Production Act, and the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which have heretofore been administered by the Governor's Manpower Office, and to disburse such funds to carry out the purposes for which the funds are received, and to be the sole state agency for the purposes of administering all programs formerly administered by the Governor's Manpower Office under Federal and State law.

c. The Department of Economic Security shall provide staff support to the Governor's Council on Employment and Training as established by Executive Order No. 159.

2. This Order shall supersede paragraph four of Executive Order No. 79 dated March 20, 1974, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, providing for the implementation of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, and Executive Order No. 125 dated November 17, 1975, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, assigning the programs previously administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to the Governor's Manpower Office.
This Order is effective 15 days after publication in the State Register, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the proper authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 31st day of October, 1977.

Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed According to Law:

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State