EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 183

Restricting State Hiring and Contracts

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, a major theme of this Administration has been the reduction of state government expenditures through a decrease in the size of the state work force, the elimination of waste and mismanagement, and other cost-cutting efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of this Administration to continue with these efforts while facilitating the transition to the new Administration; and

WHEREAS, the transition process will be assisted by restrictions on new hiring and consultant contracts in state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:
1. No appointing authority in the Executive Branch of state government shall employ any person to fill a vacant position in the classified or unclassified civil service during the pendency of this Order except as provided in paragraph 2.

2. This prohibition on hiring shall not extend to positions to be filled by persons who:
   a. Will be providing direct care to patients at state institutions;
   b. Will be providing direct supervision of inmates at correctional facilities;
   c. Are on leave from a state position and who elect to continue employment with the state; or
   d. Will be performing services essential to the maintenance of the public safety or welfare as determined by the Commissioner of Personnel.

3. No person in the Executive Branch shall execute on behalf of any state agency during the pendency of this Order a contract for the performance of consultant services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16.098 unless the Commissioner of Administration determines that performance under the contract is essential to the maintenance of the public safety or welfare.

4. Because of the need to take immediate action, this Order shall be deemed an Emergency Executive Order effective at 12:01 p.m., November 15, 1978.
5. This Order shall expire January 1, 1979.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 15th day of November, 1978.

[Signature]
Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed According to Law:

[Signature]
Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State