EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79-27

Declaring a State of Emergency

I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Chapter 12 of Minnesota Statutes, and other provisions of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and Minnesota Statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, supplies of diesel fuel and other products available in the State of Minnesota have reached critically low levels; and,

WHEREAS, the shortages of diesel fuel have resulted in an inability to move agricultural produce and commodities to agricultural markets, processors and shipping terminals; and,

WHEREAS, said disaster conditions present an imminent threat to the health and safety of the people of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of life and property in the State of Minnesota to effect the conservation and movement of critical materials and supplies over the public streets and highways of the State and to thereby preserve and protect the public peace, health, and safety;
NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

1. A state of emergency is hereby declared to exist in the State of Minnesota. I do further direct all agencies of the State, in cooperation with local civil and law enforcement agencies, to take such actions as are appropriate under existing State law to preserve and protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State.

2. The Adjutant General of Minnesota shall order to active duty on and after June 19, 1979, in the service of the State, such elements of the military forces of the State as are necessary to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to assure the movement and conservation of critical materials and supplies over the public streets and highways of the State. Those forces shall be utilized for such period of time as it is necessary to successfully achieve those purposes.

3. The costs of subsistence, transportation, fuel, and pay and allowances of said individuals in the military forces of the State shall be defrayed from the General Fund of the State as provided for in Minnesota Statute 1978, Sections 192.49, Subdivision 1; 192.51; and 192.52.

4. The Commissioners of Public Safety, Transportation, and Agriculture, the Adjutant General, and the Directors
of the Energy Agency and the Division of Emergency Services shall coordinate all State activities to be carried out under the terms of this Emergency Executive Order.

5. The Commissioner of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to designate such routes and public highways in the State of Minnesota on an emergency basis to carry 80,000 lb. loads which, in the Commissioner's opinion, are capable of supporting said weights.

This Emergency Executive Order, which is issued for the protection of the citizens of the State from imminent threat to the public health and safety, shall be effective immediately, and shall remain in force until such date as the disaster conditions are relieved and the public peace, health, and safety are secure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of June, 1979.

ALBERT H. QUIE
Governor

Filed according to Law:

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State