



**CREATING THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
BASIN ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR OF THE UPPER  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is a critical natural resource of this state, vital to its commerce and important to the recreational and aesthetic needs of the people of this state;

WHEREAS, careful, coordinated planning and interstate communication and cooperation are essential to the ability of the Upper Mississippi River System to fulfill its historic functions;

WHEREAS, prior to the termination of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission, the Governors of the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin by joint resolution of August, 1981, endorsed the creation of a successor agency to the Commission to maintain communication and cooperation among the states on matters related to water resources planning and management;

WHEREAS, in December, 1981, representatives of the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin ("member states") met and adopted on behalf of these states, Articles of Association creating the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association (UMRBA);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order No. 12319, the member states accepted the transfer of the assets of the Commission to the Association for its stated purposes;

WHEREAS, the Association fulfills the functions and activities recommended in the joint Governors' resolution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota wishes to continue and reaffirm its membership and participation in the Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUDY PERPICH, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Minnesota, do order:

1. Recognizing that the UMRBA has been and continues to be an instrumentality of the member states for water resources planning, communication, and coordination in the Upper Mississippi River System, this State's membership in the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association is reaffirmed and continued.
2. That all agencies, boards, and commissions of this State and their employees cooperate with and assist the Association in its activities.
3. That the Association is authorized to undertake such activities and programs in regard to the Upper Mississippi River System as the state representatives to the Association may decide among themselves or as the states may be authorized by Congress, provided those activities are consistent with

its purposes as stated in its Articles of Association and provided they do not violate the Compact Clause of the United State Constitution.

- 4. That the Association shall continue to operate according to its Articles of Association and By-laws.
- 5. That if the Association is terminated, its assets shall be distributed to the member states as provided in its Articles and by-laws.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1982, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in St. Paul this day, January 13, 1984.

*Rudy Perpich*  
 RUDY PERPICH  
 Governor

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