

Executive Orders

The governor has the authority to issue written statements or orders, called Executive Orders, as well as Emergency Executive Orders. The governor's authority is specified in the *Constitution of the State of Minnesota*, Article V, and in *Minnesota Statutes* 4.035. Emergency Executive Orders, for protection from an imminent threat to health and safety, become effective immediately, are filed with the secretary of state, and published in the *State Register* as soon as possible after they are issued. Other Executive Orders become effective 15 days after publication in the *State Register* and filing with the secretary of state. Unless otherwise specified, an executive order expires 90 days after the date the governor who issued the order vacates office.

Office of the Governor

Emergency Executive Order #99-16: Declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Minnesota

I, JESSE VENTURA, 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 Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, during the period from July 4, 1999, through July 6, 1999, severe thunderstorms accompanied by tornadoes, straight-line winds, hail, torrential rain and flash flooding devastated northcentral and northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, these events have inflicted widespread and considerable damage to the public infrastructure as well as to homes, farms and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there is a threat to public safety for citizens in the counties of Aitkin, Cass, Clay, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lake and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the resources of local, county, state and tribal government and private relief agencies have been exhausted in responding to the crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare that:

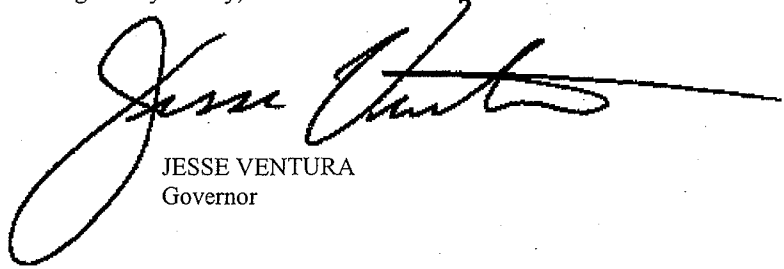
A State of Emergency exists in the State of Minnesota and do:

- Direct the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Plan, and, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other state and federal agencies, to determine the need for supplementary disaster aid and to coordinate the provision of any such assistance as necessary under existing state and federal authority;
- Direct all state agencies to provide assistance that is necessary to help local units of government respond to and recover from this emergency.
- Direct the Minnesota National Guard to provide search and rescue assistance to the county sheriffs in Lake and Cook counties as necessary when requested by the sheriffs and the Division of Emergency Management.

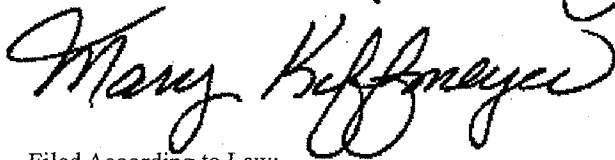
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Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this eighth day of July, 1999.



JESSE VENTURA
Governor



Filed According to Law:
MARY KIFFMEYER
Secretary of State