

**1982 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
LAWS
of the
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Enacted by the Seventy-Second Legislature
at the Second 1982 Special Session,
July 9, 1982**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The taconite industry in Northeastern Minnesota has been severely affected by the national recession, resulting in extraordinarily high levels of unemployment in the mining industry and among workers whose livelihood is dependent on the health of the mining industry; and

WHEREAS: The Northeast Minnesota Economic Protection Fund, composed of taconite tax revenues collected in lieu of local property taxes, together with accumulated interest, dividends and earnings thereon, can be made available by legislative action to provide immediate emergency relief through the creation of temporary jobs for the unemployed in the Taconite Tax Relief Area whose unemployment compensation benefits have expired; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to immediately address this severe unemployment situation on the State's Iron Range prior to the next regular session of the Legislature, thereby creating an extraordinary occasion; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota provides that a special session of the Legislature may be called on extraordinary occasions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby summon you, members of the Legislature, to convene in special session on Friday, July 9, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in the morning at the Capitol in Saint Paul.

I urge the Legislature to act favorably upon the legislation approved for consideration at this special session by the leaders of the four legislative caucuses. This legislation will provide short-term emergency jobs for the thousands of unemployed on the Iron Range, and provides for the creation of a Board of Trustees to administer the Northeast Minnesota Economic Protection Fund Trust to immediately begin developing programs and projects for the diversification of the Iron Range Economy, thereby reducing its substantial dependency on the economic health of the taconite mining industry. I encourage the Legislature to adhere to the agreement of the leaders of the four

- legislative caucuses by limiting the agenda of the special session to this Iron Range legislation and the local bill proposed by the City of Albert Lea.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed this second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-two and of the State the one hundred twenty-fourth.

JOAN ANDERSON GROWE

SECRETARY OF STATE

ALBERT H. QUIE

GOVERNOR