

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007 at approximately 6:05 pm, the Interstate 35W bridge spanning the Mississippi collapsed, totally destroying the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the catastrophic collapse of the bridge caused significant injuries, loss of life, damage to private property and the State's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the continuing response to the collapse has involved local, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, significant local, state and federal resources are needed to continue recovery efforts, investigate the cause of the collapse, respond to the needs of the victims of the collapse, provide for alternative transportation methods and routes, and to initiate the actions needed to remove debris, and begin the rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, the need for the state to provide emergency relief services will continue for more than 5 days and it is, therefore, necessary for the Executive Council to extend the state of emergency pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 12.31, Subdivision 2.

RESOLVED, by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota, at its meeting on August 6, 2007, that the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Orders 07-09 is extended for 30 days and will continue in effect pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 12.31, Subdivision 2.

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