Mayor's Declaration of Emergency

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has sustained severe losses of a major proportion, brought on by the catastrophic collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge over the Mississippi River in the City of Minneapolis, occurring on August 1, 2007, at approximately 1821 hours, and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

Whereas, the following conditions exist in the City of Minneapolis as a result of the disaster:

- Significant injuries and loss of life have occurred, resulting in the need for major emergency response efforts;
- A major emergency response effort involving City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, State and Federal agencies has commenced;
- Critical public infrastructure damage has occurred;
- Interstate transportation has been adversely impacted;
- Need for traffic control, scene security, and incident management exists;
- Need for debris management exists;

I, R.T. Rybak, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, hereby declare a Local Emergency pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Section 128.50. I further declare that:

1. The emergency exists as of August 1, 2007, at approximately 1821 hours, and shall continue no longer than 72 hours unless the City Council acts within that time to continue the emergency.

2. City Hall is available for the conduct of the public's business.

3. Emergency regulations and official communications shall be posted on the City's web site at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

4. The Mayor of the City of Minneapolis reserves the power to appoint special police officers for emergency purposes, pursuant to Sections 128.270 and 171.90.

8-2-2007
Date

Mayor

Marry Keefe
Attest City Clerk