



# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 35

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 Governor's of the states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin by joint resolution of August, 1981, endorsed the creation of a successor agency 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 Number 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 Governor's' resolution and the State of Wisconsin wishes to continue and reaffirm its membership and participation in the Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony S. Earl, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do order:

Recognizing that 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 provide they do not violate the Compact Clause of the United States Constitution.

4. That the Association 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.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed at the Capitol in Madison this day, October 27, 1983.

  
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