

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ); that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) lying North of the middle line of the Sauk River; and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) lying North of the middle line of the Sauk River, all in Section Thirteen (13), Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123) North, Range Thirty (30) West.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain a seasonal haven for the concentration of great blue herons, a colonial nest site, and a vantage point for observing this concentration of birds located at the juncture of four landscape regions: Big Woods, Blue Hills, Leaf Hills, and Mississippi River Sand Plains.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which said lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner, and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as Cold Spring Heron Colony Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Cold Spring Heron Colony Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the provisions of NR 300 through and including NR 303 shall apply to the use of the above designated area.

Dated this 4 day of May, 1981.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION  
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JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Commissioner  
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Joseph Anderson  
Secretary of State

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