STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

C9-85-1506

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District has notified the Supreme Court of the existence of a vacancy in a referee position in the Fourth Judicial District;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District has requested the conversion of the vacant referee position to a judgeship; and has indicated that the conversion of the position will not reduce the total number of judges and referees hearing cases in the family and juvenile courts; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has considered the weighted caseload indication of judicial need;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 2.722 Subd. 4a (1995), that:

- 1. The vacant referee position shall be converted to a new judgeship position and
- 2. The judicial vacancy in the Fourth Judicial District shall be, and hereby is, certified to the Governor to be filled in the manner provided by law.

DATED July <u>13</u>, 2000

Kathleen A. Blatz

Chief Justice

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