## STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT ADM08-8002

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

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In re Appointment of Special Master Panel Pursuant to I-35W Bridge Collapse Special Compensation Legislation

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## ORDER

The 2008 Minnesota Legislature enacted legislation creating a special compensation process for victims of the I-35W bridge collapse. *See* Minn. Laws 2008, ch. 288 (the "special compensation legislation"). The legislation authorizes the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court to appoint a three-lawyer special master panel to consider claims, make offers of settlement, and enter into settlement agreements with victims on behalf of the State. The panel is also charged to create the procedures, rules, and forms for the claims and payment process.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Susan M. Holden, Steven J. Kirsch, and Michael D. Tewksbury are appointed to serve as the special masters on the panel created by the special compensation legislation, contingent on execution of contracts between the appointees and the State of Minnesota establishing the duties, compensation, and other conditions of service on the panel. The panel is vested with authority to perform all the functions and responsibilities prescribed for the special master panel in the special

compensation legislation. These appointments shall expire when the panel has completed

the work described in the special compensation legislation or as otherwise provided in the

contracts to be entered with each special master.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Susan M. Holden shall serve as chair of the

panel.

Dated: May 29, 2008

Russell A. Anderson

Chief Justice

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