

SAMPLE: This resolution can be used or modified, as necessary, to fulfill the federal requirement for an “executive order, proclamation, resolution, or legislation” indicating a government has adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

(Name of Board or Council)

(Name of government unit, e.g., City of ____, County of ____, ____, Tribe)

Resolution #

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System, which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS; California pioneered the development of standardized incident management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods, and landslide; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the California fire service, in partnership with the federal government, developed the seminal emergency incident command system that has become the model for incident management nationwide; and

WHEREAS; in 1993, California was the first state to adopt a statewide Standardized Emergency Management System for use by every emergency response organization, and implemented a system to ensure the continual improvement of the Standardized Emergency Management System; and

WHEREAS, California emergency management professionals have contributed their expertise to the development of the new National Incident Management System; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for responding to disasters that federal, state, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the California Standardized Emergency Management System substantially meets the objectives of the National Incident Management System,

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System nationwide, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has directed his Office of Emergency Services and Office of Homeland Security in cooperation with the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board to develop a program to integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the state's emergency management system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that (Name of government unit, e.g., City of , County of , ___ Tribe), will integrate the National Incident Management System, to the extent appropriate, into the emergency management system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (Name of government unit, e.g., City of ___ , County of ___ , ___ Tribe) utilizes the National Incident Management System which shall be consistent with the integration of the National Incident Management System and the Standardized Emergency Management System in California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the (Council or Board) on ____ __, 2005.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSENT: _____

(Chairperson or Mayor)

ATTEST:

Clerk/Secretary _____