

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION FOR ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), 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 domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation, and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical 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

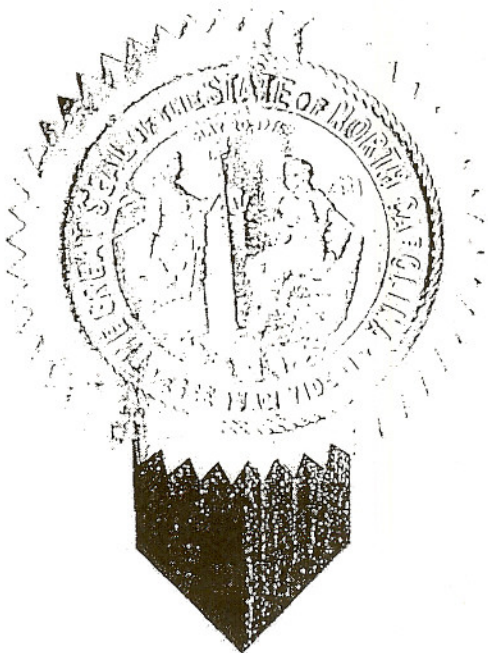
WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Response Commission, by unanimous vote, formally endorses the National Incident Management System for use in incident management and emergency prevention, preparedness, training, response, recovery, and mitigation programs and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, I do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the State standard for incident management for its use in daily operations, as well as disaster operations in North Carolina. I direct all counties and departments to adopt and apply the NIMS for all routine, multi-company and agency incidents.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh this 11th day of May, 2005.





Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State