

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-1911

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK/DAVIS

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**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NATIONAL INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) FOR RESPONSE TO
EMERGENCIES.**

WHEREAS, In Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, the President of the United States of America 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 have been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary 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 Parish of St. Tammany'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 public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

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

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to mandate the National Incident Management System be utilized by all St Tammany Parish governmental departments for response to all emergencies. It is further desired that all other governmental departments and agencies within the Parish use the NIMS in response to emergencies within the Parish.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____
2006 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF MEMBERS
BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.**

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK