



**TORRANCE COUNTY
RESOLUTION # 2005-10**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)
AND THE ADOPTION OF THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS)**

WHEREAS, In Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5 the President 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 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 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 that all federal, state, local and tribal emergency management agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide 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, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designate incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

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

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the county, incident command system (ICS) will be institutionalized county wide in order to be NIMS compliant, to include persons with administrative duties in an emergency, public works, and all public safety, emergency response organizations training programs; and


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

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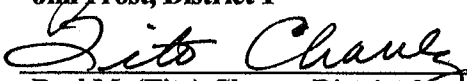
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of Torrance County to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) as a standard for all incidents occurring in Torrance County.

ADOPTED and approved this 9th day of February.

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION



Jim Frost, District 1



Paul M. (Tito) Chavez, District 2



LeRoy M. Candelaria, District 3

Attest:


Linda Kayser
County Clerk

