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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS) that provides 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 National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System (ICS) to enhance command, control and communications capabilities; and HSPD-5 requires that all federal, state, territorial, local, and tribal entities institutionalize the use of both NIMS and ICS within their emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive preparedness funding, minimum implementation requirements must have been met; and future federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS; 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 that all federal, state, local, and tribal emergency management 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, 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 enhance the Town of Milton's response readiness capabilities, first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of the Sussex County Emergency Operations Plan as well as various incident management activities throughout the State and County, including public safety and emergency response organization training programs.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Milton, I do hereby mandate that the concepts and principles of the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System be utilized as the Town's official incident management system for day-to-day emergency operations, and during major incident response operations involving State or Federal participation within the Town of Milton.

I further proclaim this Resolution to take effect immediately.

Mayor Clifford M. Newlands

Date

Attest