

**ADOPTING THE NATION INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

**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 prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standard terminology, standard 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;

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Town of Stella Supervisors do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management.

Passed: 3/6/06  
(Date)

  
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Certifying Official (Town Board Chairperson)