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OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

**DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS
THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN POLK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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 which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prepare for, prevent, 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 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, HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, tribal, and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in fiscal year 2005;

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;

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.

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 National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

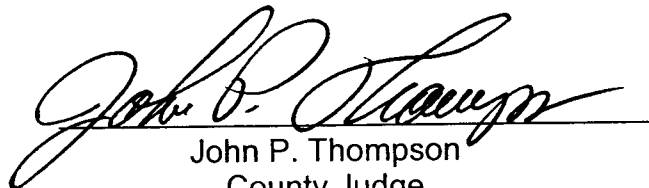
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Thompson, County Judge of the County of Polk, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, do hereby establish the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS) as the County standard for incident management.

FURTHER, Polk County shall:

- 1) promote NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, private sector and non-governmental organizations;
- 2) ensure that Federal Preparedness awards, including DHS Homeland Security Grant Program and Urban Area Security Initiative Funds, support NIMS compliance;
- 3) ensure that local government audit agencies and review organizations include required NIMS compliance activities in all audits associated with NIMS Federal Preparedness awards;
- 4) designate the Polk County Office of Emergency Management with the authority to serve as principal coordinator for overall, jurisdiction-wide NIMS implementation.

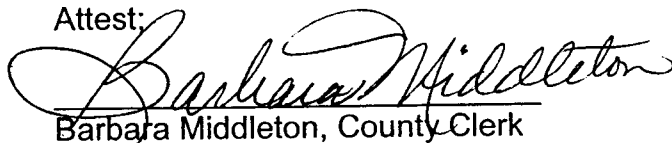
FURTHER, this Order shall serve to amend the Order previously adopted by the Polk County Commissioners Court on September 14, 2004 which established the NIMS as the County Standard for incident management.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT in a regular session held this 9th day of December, 2008.



John P. Thompson
County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Attest:



Barbara Middleton, County Clerk

