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## SELECT BOARD ORDER

### Designation Of The National Incident Management System As The Basis For All Incident Management In The Town

**WHEREAS**, Homeland Security Directive 5 (HSPD-5) 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 has been, and will continue to be, vital to the ongoing development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

**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; 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 Town's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance the Town 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, response plans and planning processes in the Town, including current emergency management and responder training programs; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Select Board of the Town of Weathersfield, by virtue of the power vested in us as the legislative body of this Town, do hereby Resolve and Establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Town standard for incident management.

Dated at Ascutney, Town of Weathersfield in Windsor County, this second day of November, 2006.

Henry C. Cobb, Chairperson  
Norman John Arrison, Vice-Chairperson  
Patricia W. Daniels, Board Clerk

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