LARIMER COUNTY RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Whereas, Larimer County desires to provide the most effective response possible to any emergencies which may occur locally and recognizes that an effective emergency management system is necessary and desirable; and

Whereas, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), 28 Feb 2003, established the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

Whereas, the NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the Nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to domestic incident management and to prepare for and respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and

Whereas, the NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility among Federal, State and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology and technologies covering the incident command system, unified command, training, management of resources and reporting; and

Whereas, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout Larimer County and surrounding areas, including current emergency management training programs.

Whereas, beginning October 1, 2004 all Federal departments and agencies adopted the NIMS as a requirement, to the extent provided by law, for providing Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities to local governments;

Whereas, beginning December 6, 2004 the Governor for the State of Colorado issued Executive Order D 011 04 concerning the designation of the National Incident Management System as the basis for all incident management in the State of Colorado; and

Whereas, a specific individual needs to be designated as the Local Point of Contact to coordinate NIMS activities and ensure compliance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, Larimer County hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster emergencies and disasters and all county departments are directed to utilize NIMS for the management of emergency situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Emergency Management for Larimer County is hereby designated as the Local Point of Contact to coordinate NIMS activities and ensure compliance.