RESOLUTION # 2006-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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; 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, in a Proclamation dated December 20, 2004, the Governor of Pennsylvania mandates that the National Incident Management System will be utilized for all incident management in the Commonwealth and to be effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, failure to adopt NIMS as the requisite emergency management system may preclude reimbursement to the political subdivision for costs expended during and after a declared emergency or disaster and for training and preparation for such disasters or emergencies; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of Upper Southampton hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and recommends all public safety agencies, emergency responders, hazardous materials users and transporters, hospitals, and school districts situated within the Township of Upper Southampton do the same.

BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of July 2006.

UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Stephen W. Ullrich, Chairman

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