RESOLUTION NO.

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR AN ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, has directed the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a comprehensive National Incident Management System (NIMS) which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, and local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of their cause, magnitude, or complexity and

WHEREAS, collaboration by and among all federal, state, and local homeland security partners has been and will continue to be vital to the effective development, implementation, and utilization of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that all federal, state, and local emergency service agencies coordinate their efforts in order to effectively and efficiently provide optimal levels of incident management and

WHEREAS, to effectively and efficiently manage incidents it is critical that federal, state, and local public safety organizations utilize standardized terminologies, integrated organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified incident command structures, unified personnel qualification standards, common standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve the ability of the Town of Jefferson to utilize federal and state grant funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain responder preparedness, and streamline an incident management process and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System (ICS) components of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout Jefferson County and the State of Wisconsin, including current emergency management training programs and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standard Incident Command System (ICS) throughout the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Jefferson does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the municipality's standard for an all incident management system.

Adopted by vote of the Jefferson Town Board this ___5th___ day of __September__, 2006.

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Harold Bockmann, Town Chairperson

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Ray Miller, Supervisor

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Don Bigelow, Supervisor

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Eugene Haag, Supervisor

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Tyson Barnes, Supervisor

Attest:

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Bonnie L. Ames, Town Clerk