



UPPER SKAGIT TRIBAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 2006-024

*Re: Designation as a component part of the Tribes Comprehensive Emergency Management plan the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is the basis for all emergency and disaster Incident Management on the Upper Skagit Reservation.*

*WHEREAS*, the Upper Skagit Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to section sixteen of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C.; and

*WHEREAS*, the Upper Skagit Tribal Council continues to make a commitment to public safety on the Upper Skagit Reservation; and

*WHEREAS*, the President of the United States in Homeland Security Directive (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 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 ability of the United State's to utilize funding to enhance state, local and tribal agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

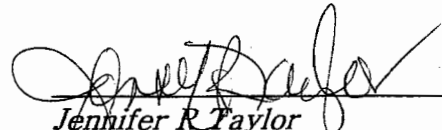
*WHEREAS*, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the United States, including current emergency management training programs; and

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

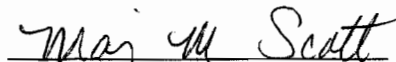
*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Upper Skagit Tribal Council does hereby establish the National Incident Management System as the Tribal standard for incident management as a component part of the Tribe Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

*CERTIFICATION*

The above resolution was duly enacted by the Upper Skagit Tribal Council at a regular meeting held on March 22, 2006, on the Upper Skagit Reservation, at which time a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS.

  
*Jennifer R Taylor*  
*Tribal Council Secretary*

*ATTEST:*

  
*Marilyn M. Scott*  
*Tribal Council Chairman*