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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management for the City.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

REQUESTING Management Services - **DIRECTOR'S**
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, Management of Domestic Incidents, directed the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. On March 1, 2004, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued the NIMS to provide a comprehensive national approach to incident management, applicable to all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines.

Governor Perry issued Executive Order RP 40 on February 23, 2005, adopting the NIMS as the statewide system to be used for emergency prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities, as well as in support of all actions taken to assist local entities.

The US DHS has issued steps that local entities should take during FY 2005 (October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005) to become compliant with NIMS. The State has further defined these requirements for local jurisdictions. One of these requirements is to formally recognize NIMS by City Resolution in order to provide a consistent approach to the effective management of situations involving natural disasters, man-made disasters or terrorism.