

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2016
NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)**

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (9HSPD5), 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 and Local 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 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardized incident Command System; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all Federal, State and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies 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 and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational 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 to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local 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 State, County and Local municipalities, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Mullica hereby mandates that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Township of Mullica and that Chief John Thompson be appointed NIMS Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all municipalities within Atlantic County be sent a copy of this resolution and are requested to adopt a similar resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 1, 2016

JAMES BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY JOHNSON, TOWNSHIP CLERK