

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2003, President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive- 5 (HSPD-5) and directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provided a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents, and

**WHEREAS**, an Executive Order 01.01.2005.09' signed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., establishes a statewide standard for emergency operations at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure that government agencies at all levels are able to "work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, and respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity," and

**WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Board of Commissioners realizes that emergency planning and response to incidents, requires emergency and governmental organizations to adopt uniform standards for terminology, organization and communications, and calls for a consistent approach to every aspect of incident management, from planning and training to response and recovery during actual incidents, and

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel communications, facilities, and resources will improve the County's eligibility for access state and federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management process; and

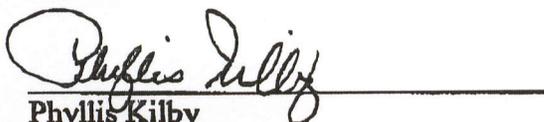
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cecil County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Department of Emergency Services to coordinate throughout Cecil County Government a training program to ensure the implementation of NIMS in accordance with that agency's role within the Cecil County Emergency Operations Plan. The Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County declares that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) will become Cecil County's Incident Management System and all Cecil County agencies that may be eligible for local funding in the form of grants, loans or supplements, will adopt the NIMS system to ensure a closer coordination and cooperation among all levels of government during all emergencies.

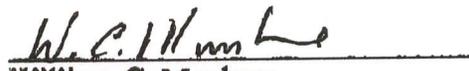
This Resolution is hereby adopted at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2005.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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