EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-07

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ON GUAM

WHEREAS, the President, 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;

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;

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;

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 planning, training, and exercising standards, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources will improve Guam’s ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout Guam, 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, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Maga'lēhen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) as Guam’s standard for incident management.

2. The Office of Homeland Security shall provide a report to the Governor of Guam identifying all departments and agencies affected by the NIMS standard by January 1, 2006.
3. All departments and agencies within the government of Guam shall cooperate with the Office of Homeland Security in implementing the NIMS standard.

4. The Office of Homeland Security shall provide all necessary training to affected departments and agencies for full compliance with NIMS by September 30, 2006.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 20th day of April, 2006.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga’ ihe Guahan
Governor of Guam