

1 [Adopting the National Incident Management System]

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3 **Resolution adopting the National Incident Management System.**

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5 WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in Homeland Security Directive 5,
6 directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a
7 National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide
8 approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively
9 and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from a domestic incident
10 regardless of cause, size or complexity; and,

11 WHEREAS, California local and state government pioneered the development of
12 standardized emergency management systems to respond to a variety of catastrophic
13 disasters, including fires, earthquakes, floods and landslides; and,

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that disasters do not
15 recognize city, county, or geographic boundaries; and,

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that it is essential for
17 responding to disasters and securing the homeland that federal, state, local and tribal
18 organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures,
19 interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures,
20 uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and
21 exercising, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during
22 emergencies or disasters in order to enhance interoperability among disciplines and
23 jurisdictions; and

24 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco seeks to maintain and enhance
25 both a disaster-resistant community and region by reducing the potential loss of life, property
damage, and environmental degradation from natural or manmade disasters, while

1 accelerating economic recovery from those disaster through interoperability of local, state,
2 and Federal resources; and,

3 WHEREAS, The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (911 Commission)
4 recommended adoption of a standardized incident management system nationwide; now
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby adopts the National
7 Incident Management System (NIMS) as enhanced by the Standardized Emergency
8 Management System (SEMS) as the official regulatory guidance for emergency response,
9 preparedness, mitigation and recovery; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco directs the Office
11 of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, its public safety partners in emergency
12 preparedness and response and all department heads whose department may have planning
13 or response roles in a disaster, to comply with the requirements set forth in the National
14 Incident Management System.

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