

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE MONACHELLO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 028

**TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
(NIMS) AS THE STANDARD FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

WHEREAS, the City of St. George is responsible for detecting, preventing, preparing for, investigating, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness and generally protecting the life and property of its citizens;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive - 5 the Secretary of Homeland Security was directed to develop and administer the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to enhance the ability of the United States to manage domestic incidents by providing a consistent, nationwide template for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from such incidents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 29:722 the Louisiana Legislature declared that all homeland security and emergency preparedness functions in Louisiana follow the principles outlined in NIMS or its successor;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Gubernatorial Executive Orders JBE2016-20, JBE2016-21, and JML 2024-311, Louisiana designated the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and its National Qualification System (NQS) as the standard for emergency management in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the utilization of NIMS by local government entities is a federal and state prerequisite for receiving federal preparedness assistance, Homeland Security grants, and Emergency Management Performance Grants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. George finds that the implementation of NIMS is essential to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of St. George by establishing a coordinated, multi-disciplined approach to managing minor, major, or catastrophic disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. George, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby formally adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the official standard for incident management, emergency response, and disaster recovery operations within the City of St. George.

SECTION 2: All City departments, offices, commissions, and emergency management personnel are authorized and directed to integrate NIMS into their emergency plans, procedures, standard operating guidelines, and training programs.

SECTION 3: The City's emergency response personnel shall participate in designated NIMS training courses and educational requirements as prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: Cook, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Against:

Absent: Dellucci

CERTIFICATION

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the regular meeting of the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana held on August 25, 2026.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk