STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 932

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, 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 standards for planning, training, and exercising, 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 the State of Mississippi's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state 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 the State of Mississippi, 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, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby establish the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS) as the State standard for incident management.

I authorize and direct you, upon receipt of this Order, to take notice and be governed accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, the 28th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE