

STILLWATER COUNTY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09**  
AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE STANDARD FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN STILLWATER COUNTY, MONTANA.**

**WHEREAS**, in Public Law 107-296, the United States 107<sup>th</sup> Congress established the "Homeland Security Act of 2002". The United States 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners have been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation, and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

**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; and

**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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the county, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, a specific individual needs to be designated as Local Point of Contact (LPOC) to coordinate NIMS activities and to ensure compliance; and

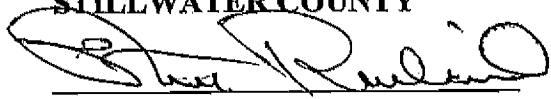
**WHEREAS**, though the County has been utilizing the NIMS system in accordance with HSPD -5, the County Commissioners desire to establish, by resolution, that the National Incident Command System (NIMS) (NIMS) is the County's standard for incident management within Stillwater County, Montana.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Stillwater County, Montana, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is hereby established as the standard for incident management in Stillwater County, Montana.

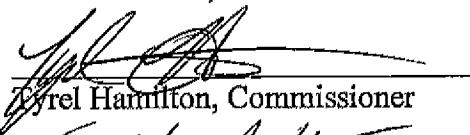
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the Local Point of Contact (LPOC).

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, by the Board of Commissioners of Stillwater County, Montana.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
STILLWATER COUNTY**



Steve Riveland, Chairman



Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner



Jeff Raffatto, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk & Recorder

