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**National Incident Management System (NIMS) Adoption Ordinance
City of Sky Valley, Rabun County, Georgia**

WHEREAS, Federal Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 establishes the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

WHEREAS, NIMS establishes a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management to ensure that all levels of government across the nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together using a national approach to domestic incident management; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state and local governments to work together to prepare for and respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, NIMS provides for interoperability and compatibility among federal, state and local capabilities and includes a core set of concepts, principles, terminology and technologies covering the Incident Command System, Unified Command, training, management of resources and reporting; and

WHEREAS, all Federal departments and agencies shall make adoption of the NIMS a requirement for providing federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has enacted through law (O.C.G.A 38-3-57) that all local public safety and emergency response organizations, including emergency management agencies, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical services, shall implement the standardized unified incident command system and that those agencies that do not establish such system shall not be eligible for state reimbursement for any response or recovery related expenses;

Be it therefore resolved that the City of Sky Valley hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as established under HSPD 5 and the Unified Command System as established under O.C.G.A. 38-3-57 as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents and directs all incident managers and response organizations in the City of Sky Valley train and exercise and use these systems in their response operations.

This the 12th day of December, 2005.

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Mayor

Ray Fisher
Councilman

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Councilman

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Councilman

William Moore
Councilman

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Councilman

Attest: Livida Wells, City Clerk