



May 26, 2011

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Re: University of Miami's Adoption of the National Incident Management System

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

The University of Miami is committed to making our campuses disaster resilient in keeping our community prepared for the next emergency regardless of the cause, size or complexity, whereas by adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) university wide.

Please allow the attached adoption letter to serve as the University of Miami's formal adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. The Director of our Office of Emergency Management, Scott Burnotes, has been appointed as the University's single point of contact for all NIMS implementation activities. Mr. Burnotes can be reached via email at s.burnotes@miami.edu or in his office at 305-284-8005.

Thank you for keeping America safe and your public service to our country.

Sincerely,

Donna E. Shalala

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cc: Scott Burnotes

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S AUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 established the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

WHEREAS, the 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

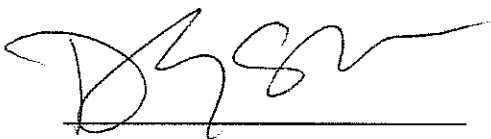
WHEREAS, the NIMS provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the 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, to the extent provided by law, for providing Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts or other activities to local governments;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the University of Miami hereby adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents.

ADOPTED by the University of Miami on this 26th day of May, 2011, by signature of the President.



Donna E. Shalala
President
University of Miami