

**State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
No. 26  
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**ESTABLISHING A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, on occasion disasters occur that threaten the public health, safety and lives of the Citizens of the State;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable to ensure that all State and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to efficiently provide emergency relief and disaster recovery aid;

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate efficient and effective assistance to those impacted it is important that all State and local emergency response agencies and personnel utilize common terminology, integrated communications, consolidated action plans, unified command, modular organization, manageable span of control, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System, as developed by the National Interagency Incident Management System, sets forth standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System procedures are used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Fire Academy, National Fire Protection Association, National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and other states;

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System is an integral part of various emergency management training programs currently taught throughout the State;

**WHEREAS**, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires the establishment of a site-specific Incident Command System to handle emergency responses; and

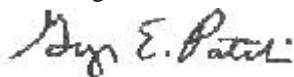
**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Preparedness Commission Task Force on Command and Control and the State Emergency Response Commission endorse a standardized Incident Command System;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE E.PATAKI**, Governor of the State of New York, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New York, do hereby establish the National Interagency Incident Management System -- Incident Command System as the State standard command and control system during emergency operations.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of  
The State in the City of Albany this  
LS fifth day of March in the year one  
Thousand nine hundred ninety-six.

BY THE Governor

/s/ George E. Pataki



/s/ Bradford J. Race, Jr.  
Secretary to the Governor