



**RESOLUTION
SUPPORT FOR THE GEORGIA FIRE SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service includes: the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia State Firefighters Association, the Georgia Mutual Aid Group, the Georgia Fire and Emergency Service Joint Council, the Georgia Fire Investigators Association, the Georgia Fire Inspectors Association, the Georgia Public Safety Educators Association, the Georgia Rural Fire Defense Council, the Georgia Forestry Commission, the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the Georgia Fire Academy, the Georgia State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service has established a master plan within the state-wide emergency response community; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Fire Service strategic planning and program implementation activity will ultimately lead to increased public confidence, both within the fire service and the emergency response community state-wide, as well as vastly improved communication between local and state governments; and

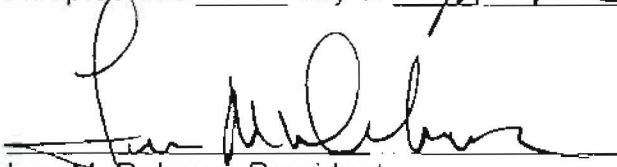
WHEREAS, agencies of the federal government, including the Office of Domestic Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Fire Administration, U.S. Justice Department, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, have supported the new organizing effort; and

WHEREAS, a series of project charters addressing critical needs in the areas of technology, training, readiness, disaster response, and research and development have already been completed and approved; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Fire Service has successfully completed preliminary fact finding regarding the needs and concerns of Georgia firefighters and local fire departments as part of its responsibility to assist readiness planning for all emergency responders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Board of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police commend the Georgia Fire Service for its recent planning efforts and proclaim our support for their endeavors in strategic planning and program implementation activities that will lead to improved public safety and coordinated homeland security measures for all the citizens of our state.

Adopted this 20th day of September 2004.


Lou M. Dekmar, President