

**RESOLUTION NO. 698**

**WHEREAS**, the Keystone Ferry Terminal is located on Central Whidbey Island near the Town of Coupeville, the second oldest city in Washington State and the Island County Seat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keystone harbor and ferry terminal was constructed in 1948 and the MV-Defiance was the first vessel on the Port Townsend-Keystone route; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1974 the State of Washington purchased the Port Townsend-Keystone route from Olympic Ferries and Washington State Ferries took over the operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 527,000 ferry riders and 231,000 vehicles used the Keystone terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce has proposed naming the terminal the Coupeville Ferry Terminal recognizing this naming will connect to an identifiable geographic destination in which the terminal is located and a broader connection to the history of Whidbey Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed name change has received widespread public support from governmental and community organizations in the area as well as receiving support from state legislators and local elected officials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Commission finds that the Whidbey Island ferry terminal, currently known as the Keystone Terminal be re-named the Coupeville Ferry Terminal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation change the official terminal name and update all references to it including but not limited to highway signage, social media and print materials. The Department may phase in this name change to allow for the updating of all reference materials, signage and any other areas in need of updating as funding becomes available to do so.

**ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.**

**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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