

RESOLUTION NO. 700

WHEREAS, the name “Kennewick” has several native meanings including “winter paradise,” “winter haven,” “grassy place” and “grassy slope” and comes from the Indian name “Kin-i-wak”; and

WHEREAS, Kennewick was the gathering place for Native American people of the Chemnapums, Nez Perces, Walla Wallas, Yakamas, Cayuses, Wanapams and Umatillas; and

WHEREAS, Kennewick, located along the banks of the Columbia River, has been a major transportation artery since 1811, when fur traders began exploring the northwest; and

WHEREAS, the earliest written record of ferry service in Kennewick is the entry of April 29, 1806 in the journals of Lewis & Clark, who were furnished with two canoes to transport their baggage over the river and obtained horses for overland travel to the east.; and

WHEREAS, Kennewick has a nautical history beginning in the early 1900s when fleets of steamboats transported goods and people along the Columbia and Snake Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the name Kennewick honors an area which embodies a rich history of agriculture, natural history, geology, science, technology and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kennewick, the Kennewick City Council, the Kennewick City Manager, the Port of Kennewick, Tri Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau, Kennewick School District, Kennewick Parks & Recreation Commission, the Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and their communities have rallied together in support of this naming; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Transportation Commission on October 20, 2009 named the first of the three Kwa-di Tabil class 64-car ferries the Chetzemoka.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission respectfully names the third addition to the Kwa-di Tabil class 64-car ferry, the - Kennewick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to implement this ferry naming designation accordingly.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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