

**RESOLUTION NO. 723**

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal was born on May 15, 1936 in Bremerton, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal married Diane Reedy on August 5, 1961 and together they had four children: Danny, Reed, David, and Beth and have eight grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal graduated from Whitman College in 1959 with a degree in mathematics, and later graduated from the University of Washington with a law degree in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal served in the United States Navy from 1959 – 1963 as an engineering officer on a destroyer escort vessel, and served in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal started out his professional career in Washington D.C., serving as counsel to the United States Senate Commerce Committee in 1966, serving on the personal staff of Senator Warren G. Magnuson in 1967, and serving as counsel to the United States Senate Subcommittee on Surface Transportation from 1969-1973, during which time many historic pieces of legislation were enacted including Amtrak, railroad safety, and railroad revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal was appointed by President Nixon to serve as a Commissioner on the United States Interstate Commerce Commission in 1973, and was appointed Chairman by President Jimmy Carter from 1977 – 1980, during which time historical action was taken both by the Commission and Congress to deregulate surface transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal joined the law firm of Garvey, Shubert, Adams, and Barer in Washington D.C. in 1980, and in 1982 he transferred to the law firm's Seattle office, returning to the Pacific Northwest with his family. He also served as the Chief Executive Officer and owner of a freight transportation services company from 1989 to 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal has contributed many years of service and valuable counsel and guidance to several boards including the Greenbrier Companies Board of Directors since 1984, and on which he continues to serve today, the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board from 1998 – 2003 in which he served as the first Chairman of the Board, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council from 2007 – 2013, the Cascade Land Conservancy, and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, both of which he remains active on today; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal was appointed to the Washington State Transportation Commission in 2003 by Governor Gary Locke, and reappointed in 2009 by Governor Christine Gregoire, serving as Chairman three times, and Vice Chairman one time.

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal has been a strong leader and active member on the Commission, serving on Commission subcommittees leading work on various topics including tolling, ferries, public opinion surveying, long-term transportation planning, etc. and has served as the lead commissioner on important studies undertaken by the Commission that led to the passage of state laws on tolling, Washington State Ferries, and freight rail investments; and

**WHEREAS**, A. Daniel O'Neal is retiring from the Washington State Transportation Commission and his vision, courage, compassion, and leadership in transportation will be sorely missed by all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes and deeply appreciates the outstanding and endless contribution of A. Daniel O'Neal to the State of Washington and its transportation system, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this 16th day of June 2015.

**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

  
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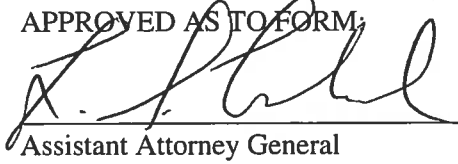
  
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