

**RESOLUTION NO. 703**

**WHEREAS**, Tokitae is a Coast Salish greeting meaning "Nice day, pretty colors", or a Chinook jargon word meaning "pretty"; and

**WHEREAS**, Tokitae is also the name given to an L pod orca captured at Penn Cove, near Keystone, in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the last survivor of the approximately 45 Southern Resident orcas captured in Washington State during the capture era of the 1960s and 70s – such captures were later banned in Washington State waters; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the orca became the Washington State Marine Mammal and this symbol is intended to promote orca awareness and to encourage protection of the natural marine habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes the name Tokitae and honors the orca as an icon of the area and the fact it is listed as an endangered species in Washington State under the Federal Endangered Species Act; and

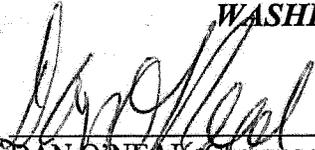
**WHEREAS**, Tokitae has received widespread public support from community organizations in the area as well as receiving support from state legislators, local officials, the "Let's Name the Ferry Tokitae" Facebook page, and petitions.

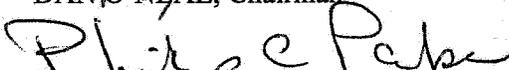
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission respectfully names the first new Olympic Class 144-car ferry, the Tokitae.

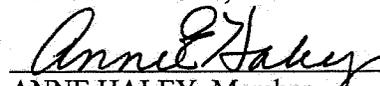
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to implement this ferry naming designation accordingly.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

  
DAN O'NEAL, Chairman

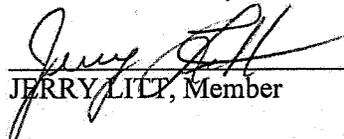
  
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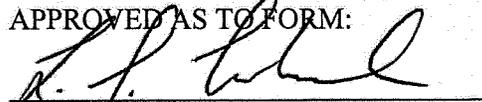
  
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