RESOLUTION NO. 702

***WHEREAS**, since time immemorial the people now referred to as the Sanpoil Tribe of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation used the current Keller Ferry crossing location for river passage to go to and from the root gathering areas of the Big Bend Country; and*

***WHEREAS,** a ferry route has crossed the Columbia River at this point near the mouth of the Sanpoil River since the late 1800's and the ferry route has been and continues to be a critical transportation link for the residents of this area and of the members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; and*

***WHEREAS**, since 1931 the Washington State Department of Transportation has operated the ferry service on State Route 21 across the Columbia River connecting Lincoln County and Ferry County, the communities of Wilbur and Keller, and the Colville Reservation; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation has commissioned the construction of a new vessel to serve this route; and*

***WHEREAS**, the vessel will be seen as a Community asset, the Washington State Department of Transportation desired to have the vessel named by Community members; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Community submitted suggested vessel names through the project's internet web pages, email, and telephone with those suggestions reviewed by a community focus group; and*

***WHEREAS**, in honor of the Sanpoil people who have lived on this land and crossed this river for thousands of years; their consensus is to name the vessel* Sanpoil, *and*

***WHEREAS**, Sanpoil Elders recognize* snpʕʷílx, *as the written form of the Indian pronunciation of "Sanpoil" in the International Phonetic Alphabet, the Colville Business Council approved alphabet for the Indian language.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Transportation Commission respectfully names the new vessel serving the Keller route on the Columbia River, the* Sanpoil, *and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Washington State Department of Transportation to implement this ferry naming designation accordingly with both the names* Sanpoil *and* snpʕʷílx *affixed to the vessel as appropriate.*

***ADOPTED** this 19th day of June, 2012.*

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