

RESOLUTION NO. 727

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart was born December 9, 1839 in Illinois as a free man, married Elizabeth Thornton in 1868, and moved to Snohomish County to farm in the late 1800s; and

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart demonstrated tremendous courage and dedication to the cause of liberty by volunteering to serve as an African-American in the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, that military unit suffered enormous losses during the war, with one out of three soldiers becoming casualties; and

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart served honorably during the closing days of the war and its aftermath in Texas, where Stewart and his unit were deployed in response to instability in Mexico due to French intervention; and

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart became a highly respected pioneer in the City of Snohomish, where his house still stands; and

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart died on December 11, 1907 and is buried in the Grand Army of the Republic cemetery in Snohomish along with two hundred other civil war veterans who founded the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, William P. Stewart and his fellow soldiers received little recognition for their bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Washington to finally recognize its citizens who volunteered and served bravely in the defense of our union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Transportation Commission designates State Route 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation provide signing reflecting this naming designation.

ADOPTED this 17th day of May 2016.


WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


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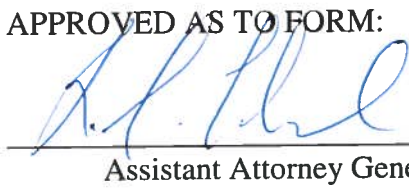

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