WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton was born October 30, 1984 in Olympia, and grew up in the City of Rainier, graduating with Honors from Rainier High School in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton was known for serving one’s community and profession fully by giving all you’ve got with determination and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton joined the Army as a Cavalry Scout in April 2003 and quickly was promoted to Sergeant based on his leadership and high standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton was deployed to Iraq in November 2005 and tragically killed in action while on patrol in Baghdad on June 24, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton was decorated with a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, an Army Achievement Medal, and earned many other military awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Justin D. Norton is no longer among us, his spirit continues to support his community, fulfilling a request he made that a scholarship fund be established in his memory if he did not return from the war. This fund has provided over $60,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors from Rainier and Yelm High Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Transportation Commission designates the section of State Route 507 from milepost 22 to milepost 24 the “Sgt. Justin D. Norton Highway.”

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

ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2017.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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