WHEREAS, Trooper Thomas Hendrickson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the Eastern High School, in York County, and from Elizabethtown College, where he met his wife Barbara. His parents moved to Mount Vernon, Washington, and he and Barbara followed shortly afterwards.

WHEREAS, Trooper Hendrickson served honorably as a member of the Army Reserves from 1966 until 1970, in Bellingham, Washington.

WHEREAS, Trooper Hendrickson was hired by the Washington State Patrol, in 1970, and was assigned to the Skagit County area.

WHEREAS, Trooper Hendrickson loved his work, had great compassion for people, and provided outstanding professional service, as a trooper, for four years.

WHEREAS, On November 17, 1974, Trooper Hendrickson was tragically killed during a traffic stop while on duty on State Route 20, west of the city of Burlington, Washington. He left behind a wife and two young sons. He is still remembered by his family, friends, coworkers, and the first responders of the area where he lived and worked.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission designates the section of State Route 20 from milepost 52 to milepost 59, the “WSP Trooper Thomas Hendrickson Memorial Highway.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests that the Washington State Department of Transportation provide signage reflecting this naming designation, as soon as possible.

ADOPTED this 17 of June, 2020.

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