

RESOLUTION NO. 745

***WHEREAS**, World War II was the deadliest military conflict in history, causing an estimated 70 - 85 million deaths, and engaging more than 16 million American men and women who answered the call to duty to fight in World War II; and*

***WHEREAS**, 407,316 uniformed men and women and 12,100 civilians from our nation died during the war; and*

***WHEREAS**, 3,941 men and women from Washington State gave their lives in World War II and fewer than 6,000 Washington State World War II veterans survive today; and*

***WHEREAS**, by their service and sacrifices in the cause of freedom our World War II veterans have exemplified the fulfillment of civic responsibilities our nation expects, and Washingtonians remain grateful today to members of the Greatest Generation who sacrificed and served the nation and who continue to live among us; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the State of Oregon has commemorated this sacrifice and service with 28 signs on US Highway 97 which read "WORLD WAR II VETERANS HISTORIC HIGHWAY"; and*

***WHEREAS**, members of local communities and public officials in Douglas County seek to name US Highway 97 within the boundaries of Douglas County the "WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" to signify forever the importance of their contribution.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Transportation Commission does hereby name US Highway 97 within Douglas County, from US 2/97 MP 119.1 at the Odabashian Bridge between Wenatchee and East Wenatchee to US 2/97 MP 139.63 at Orondo, and from US 97 MP 213 at Orondo to US 97 MP 234.77 at the Beebe Bridge near Chelan, the "WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"*

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

ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2022

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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