

**RESOLUTION NO. 746**

*WHEREAS, the United States of America became involved in Vietnam in April 1956 when the United States military advisory group took over training of South Vietnam forces; and*

*WHEREAS, on June 8, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized the use of United States troops in direct combat; and*

*WHEREAS, two million fifty thousand men and women of our armed forces met the test, fighting in harsh terrain and extreme weather in battles and actions, the names of which reverberate thirty-four years later; and*

*WHEREAS, one thousand one hundred thirty-four Washington State residents were killed in action between 1965 and 1975, and over forty-four known men had been missing in action or held as prisoners of war; and*

*WHEREAS, fifty-eight thousand one hundred eighty-three men and women of the United States armed forces lost their lives from 1957 to 1975; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the service and sacrifice of Washington State Vietnam War veterans who served the nation with such valor and distinction; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** *that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes the service and commitment shown by those who served in the Vietnam War and honors their service by this resolution.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses its appreciation to and respect for all Vietnam War Veterans by naming Highway 20 in Okanogan County the "Vietnam War Veterans' Memorial Highway," and requests the Department of Transportation to provide signing and implement this naming designation so that future generations will remember the exemplary service of these war veterans.*

**ADOPTED this 19th day of January 2023.**

**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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