

**RESOLUTION NO. 704**

**WHEREAS**, Samish means "giving people" in proto-Salish origins; and

**WHEREAS**, the Samish Indian Nation has held a deep-rooted respect for the tradition of sharing with its neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe's historic area ranges from the mountain tops of the Cascades westerly along the hills, woodlands, and river deltas, arriving at the far western shores of the San Juan Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe's lands have been inhabited for thousands of years by the ancestors of the Samish and their Coast Salish neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the name Samish is historically rooted in the area that the ferry route will be servicing and carries statewide significance that is recognizable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes the name Samish honors the Samish Indian Nation, the Coast Salish people and the tribes in the State of Washington; and

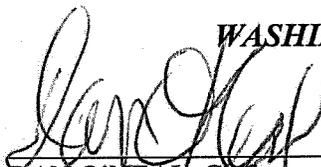
**WHEREAS**, Samish has received widespread public support from the Cities of Mukilteo and Anacortes, Skagit County Board of Commissioners, US Representative Rick Larsen, state legislators, local officials, local community organizations, Facebook pages, and local publications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission respectfully names the second new Olympic Class 144-car ferry, the Samish.

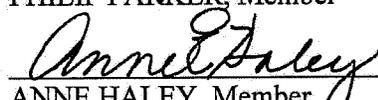
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to implement this ferry naming designation accordingly.

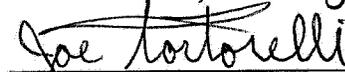
**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

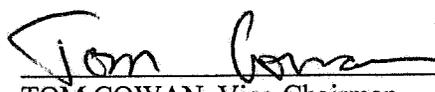
**WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

  
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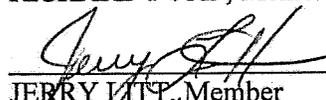
  
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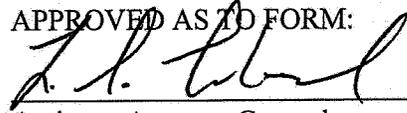
  
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REEMA GRIFFITH, Executive Director

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