

Resolution No. 716

WHEREAS, Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. was born September 10, 1974, in West Islip, New York, and served honorably in the United States Navy for nearly five years; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. was a devoted husband to his wife Alissa for more than twelve years and a beloved father to his 7 year old son Kian and his 5 year old daughter Miley; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. was commissioned on March 1, 1999, with the 82nd Trooper Basic Training Class as a Washington State Patrol Trooper and assigned to Marysville; and

WHEREAS, for nearly fifteen years Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. was a strong and vital link between the Washington State Patrol and the community he served, honoring Washington State Patrol Badge #1076 on his chest and his patrol car license plate; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. was tragically killed on May 31, 2013, while directing traffic in the aftermath of the collapse of the I-5 bridge crossing the Skagit River; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Senate adopted Senate Resolution 8663 commending, saluting, and honoring Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. for his exemplary and exceptional service;

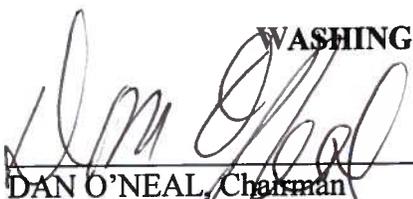
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission expresses its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission hereby names the new Interstate 5 Skagit River Bridge the "Trooper Sean M. O'Connell Jr. Memorial Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to provide signing reflecting this naming designation accordingly upon completion of the new bridge structure.

ADOPTED this 30th of July, 2013.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


DAN O'NEAL, Chairman


ANNE HALEY, Member


JERRY LITT, Member


JOE TORTORELLI, Member

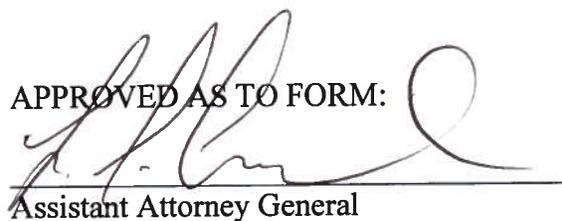
ATTEST:

REEMA GRIFFITH, Executive Director


TOM COWAN, Vice-Chairman


PHILIP PARKER, Member


CHARLES ROYER, Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant Attorney General