FERRY COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED NAME OF US 395 IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CONGRESSMAN THOMAS S. FOLEY

WHEREAS, the Board supports the proposed name of US 395 in the state of Washington in honor of Congressman Thomas S. Foley; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Congressman Foley served 30 years in the US House of Representatives and was elected by his peers in the house to serve as the Speaker; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Congressman Thomas S. Foley served with distinction in the US Congress from 1965 to 1995 as the 5th District Congressional Representative; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds Congressman Foley oversaw the creation of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) that earmarked $54.5 million toward the $83 million cost of expanding US 395 to a four lane divided highway between Pasco and Ritzville. This section, due to the high volume of freight traffic, was one of the most dangerous highways in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the inclusion of the highway from Ritzville along I-90 to Spokane and north to the Canadian border is more than justified in that Congressman Foley was always a strong advocate for completing the North Spokane Corridor and its link to northeast Washington and eastern British Columbia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ferry County Board of Commissioners supports the change of US 395 in the state of Washington to honor Congressman Thomas S. Foley for his distinctive role in creating a safer environment for travelers and his honorable career in serving the State of Washington.

DATED this 27th, day of June, 2016.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NATHAN DAVIS, Chairman

BRAD L. MILLER, Vice Chair

MIKE L. BLANKENSHIP, Member

ATTEST:

Amanda Rowton, Clerk of the Board