RESOLUTION NO. 1578

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE AND ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

WHEREAS, effective June 11, 2020, the Washington State Legislature adopted the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA), encouraging and allowing state and local government agencies to use and accept electronic signatures; AND

WHEREAS, the Port desires to leverage technology solutions to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Port's business processes; AND

WHEREAS, the use of electronic signatures can streamline and expedite business processes, thereby saving time and reducing costs; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission finds it to be in the public interest to allow the use and acceptance of electronic signatures for Port business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Port of Pasco Commission adopts the use of electronic signatures for the following uses:

- (1) the Commission, the Executive Director and his designees are authorized to use electronic signatures with the same force and effect whenever the use of a written, affixed by hand, or "wet" signature could be created, unless otherwise required by law; and
- (2) the Executive Director is authorized and directed to develop a policy and processes necessary to implement the use of electronic signatures by the Port consistent with this Resolution and in compliance with RCW 1.80, and any other applicable laws.

ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2022.

PORT OF PASCO COMMISSION

Vicki Gordon, President

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