

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON,  
REGARDING THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF  
THE JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the John Wayne Pioneer Trail is a 300 mile long stretch of former railway roadbed that goes from the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the Idaho Border and is the longest rail trail in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 the trail was designated a National Recreational Trail by the federal government; and

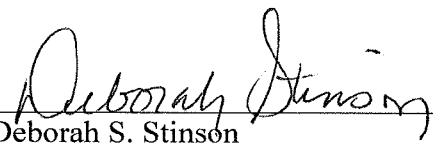
**WHEREAS**, the trail is used by cyclists and horse riders, including the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association for their annual "Ride Across Washington" event; and

**WHEREAS**, while there has been recent discussion of closing a portion of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail east of the Columbia River, there is no current proposal to do so. Instead, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has begun a planning process to shape the future of the eastern section of Iron Horse State Park and the John Wayne Pioneer Trail; and

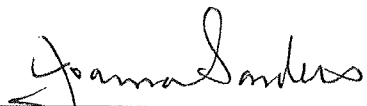
**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Townsend is a long-standing supporter of multi-use trail networks, having adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies, the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and development regulations all of which support trails;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of City of Port Townsend that the City expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as well as the allocation of additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River, and applauds the State Parks and Recreation Commission's advisory committee process.


**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend at a regular meeting thereof, held this 21st day of March, 2016.

  
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Deborah S. Stinson  
Mayor

**Attest:**

  
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Joanna Sanders, CMC  
City Clerk

**Approved as to form:**

  
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Steven L. Gross  
City Attorney