

**City of Sequim, Washington
Resolution No. R2016-08**

**A RESOLUTION 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 King County to the Idaho border and is the longest rail trail in the United States and the second longest in the world; and

WHEREAS, proposed legislation would close a large section of the John Wayne Trail from Malden to Lind, Washington and turn over control of the public land to adjacent private landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Parks Department and Washington State Department of Natural Resources currently own the land the trail sits on; and

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


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

WHEREAS, the John Wayne Trail is the only statewide trail crossing in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, permanent loss of the only state-wide trail in Washington would be detrimental to not only the current economies of communities all along the trail, but would end any opportunity for future economic development of what could become a vital job producer across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Sequim that the City expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, the removal of special permit requirements for public use of the trail, as well as the allocation of additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail.

Adopted by the City Council this 28th day of March, 2016.


Dennis Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Craig A. Ritchie, City Attorney