

Proclamation

THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL

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

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

WHEREAS: the John Wayne Pioneer Trail transverses Grant County with an access point of the trail in Warden, Washington; and

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

WHEREAS: the closure of the trail would decrease recreational opportunities for citizens throughout the surrounding areas, and close a critical connection to the Columbia Basin area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of City of Moses Lake that the city expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as well as the allocation of the additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River.

Signed and Sealed this 26th day of July, 2016.

Karen Liebrecht, Deputy Mayor, City of Moses Lake