

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 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, the Washington State Parks Department and Washington State Department of Natural Resources 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 used by hikers, cyclists and horse riders, including the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association for their annual "Ride Across Washington" event; and,

WHEREAS, the trail travels through Whitman County and along the western border of the Town of Rosalia, between Malden and Tekoa, and provides exceptional and unique landscape for trail users to experience; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has invested more than \$3 million on improving the Fish Lake Trail and provides a direct connection to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail for recreational enthusiasts; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pullman also values trails for our citizens, has 16.2 miles of paved trails through the city, and is one of the primary sponsors of the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail that used an abandoned railway bed between Pullman and Moscow, Idaho; and,

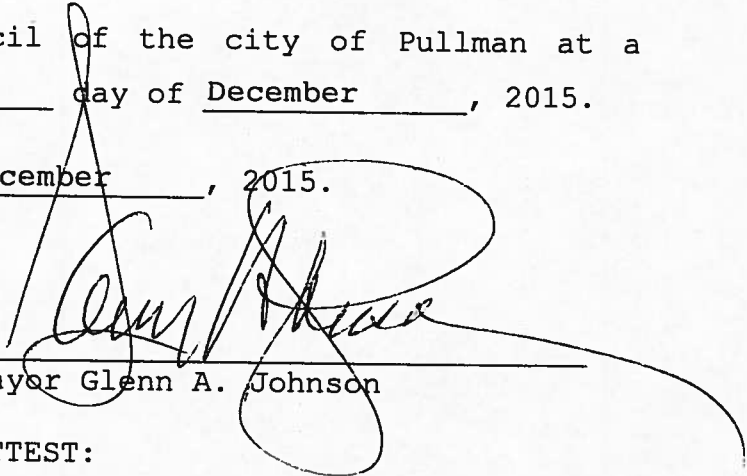
WHEREAS, the City knows the value of preserving railway beds for trails for now and the future, even if immediate funding is not available; and,

WHEREAS, closing the trail would decrease the recreational opportunities for our citizens and those in eastern Washington and would forfeit the right-of-way for any possible future rail transport connection or the possibility of using the right-of-way for fiber or other technological advances;

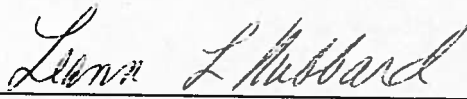
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Pullman expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as well as the allocation of state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the city of Pullman at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2015.

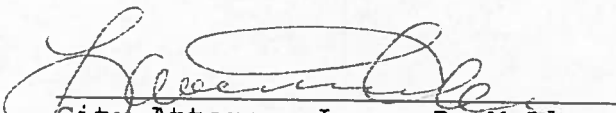
DATED this 9th day of December, 2015.

  
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Mayor Glenn A. Johnson

ATTEST:

  
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Finance Director Leann L. Hubbard

Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney Laura D. McAloon

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