

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington regarding the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail.

**WHEREAS**, the John Wayne Pioneer Trail is a 285 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 Washington State Park Department and Washington State Department of Natural Resources currently own the land the trail sits on; 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 trail is used by hikers, cyclists and horse riders and other outdoor enthusiasts; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bainbridge Island 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that the Bainbridge Island City Council request that the state of Washington continue to maintain possession of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and provide adequate funding for maintenance and improvement of the trail;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Bainbridge Island City Council expresses the value of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail in concert with Mountains to Sound Trail, Sound to Olympics Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail as an essential piece of complete state border-to-border east-west trail, urges the State agencies maintain ownership and control of the entire trail, and further urges that additional resources be allocated for the maintenance and improvement of the trail.

**PASSED** by the City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
Val Tollefson, Mayor

**ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:**

Rosalind D. Lassoff  
Rosalind D. Lassoff, City Clerk

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