

TOWN OF ROCKFORD, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION 16-01

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF THE JOHN WAYNE TRAIL ADOPTING A COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY DYE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE SCHMICK, THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE, REGIONAL CITY COUNCILS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Rockford, Washington, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the John Wayne Trail/State Park is the only state wide trail crossing in Washington and is actively used by hikers, bikers, horse riders, and other outdoor enthusiasts across its entire length;

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

WHEREAS, we fail to see any reason worthy to take the highly unusual and extreme step of closing a Trail/State Park without a study of use, public hearings, or any open discussion for trail enthusiast to comment at;

WHEREAS, we feel rather than close the John Wayne Trail/State Park the state and region would be better served by enhancing the trail to make it more user friendly and therefore encourage more regional tourism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Town Council of the Town of Rockford, WA that recipients of this communique please make every attempt to fulfil where applicable:

Section 1. The Town Council for the Town of Rockford strongly encourages its legislative representatives to aggressively seek funding to enhance the accessibility of use of the John Wayne Trail as opposed to introducing legislature to close the John Wayne Trail;

Section 2. That cities that would be affected by the closure of the John Wayne Trail/State Park pass similar resolutions;

Section 3. That the entire body of the Washington State Legislature be aware of the concerns of the Town of Rockford, Washington.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January, 2016.

APPROVED: Carrie Roecks
Carrie Roecks – Mayor

ATTEST: Heidi M. Johnson
Heidi Johnson – Deputy Clerk