

RESOLUTION NO. 1042

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 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 cyclists and horse riders, including the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association for their annual "Ride Across Washington" event; and

WHEREAS, there has been recent discussion of closing a portion of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail east of the Columbia River, there is no current proposal to do so. Instead, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has begun a planning process to shape the future of the eastern section of Iron Horse State Park and the John Wayne Pioneer Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of City of Gig Harbor that the city expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as well as the allocation of additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River, and applauds the State Parks and Recreation Commission's advisory committee process.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor this 8th day of August, 2016.

APPROVED:


MAYOR JILL GUERNSEY

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



MOLLY TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

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