

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 291

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE
AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail, a 2,659-mile-long trail running from Mexico to Canada through the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain ranges, runs adjacent to the City of Stevenson, Washington; and

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Stevenson recognizes the economic importance of the Pacific Crest Trail and other outdoor recreational areas to the economy of Stevenson and other neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, protecting public lands for our quality of life, tourism, and recreation, is one of the best economic investments we can make for our communities; and

WHEREAS, Stevenson City Council believes public lands, lands that benefit our livelihoods as well as our way of life, should be supported; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the trail would decrease recreational opportunities for citizens of the State of Washington and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, adjacent landowners have brought forward concerns about ongoing maintenance of the trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson hereby resolves 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 its maintenance and improvement.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Stevenson this 15th day of September, 2016.

Frank Cox, Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nick Hogan, City Clerk

Kenneth B Woodrich, PC
City Attorney

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