

CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 16-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY,
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED
PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE JOHN
WAYNE TRAIL.**

WHEREAS, the John Wayne 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 the 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, horse riders and other recreational enthusiasts from around the state, including the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Association for their annual "Ride Across Washington event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has spent more than \$3 million on improving connecting trails, and long term plans call for another \$4 million for the final phase of those improvements; and

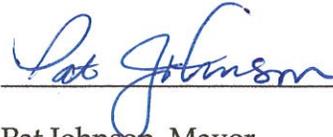
WHEREAS, there has been recent discussion of closing a portion of the John Wayne Trail east of the Columbia River; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the trail would decrease recreational opportunities for all of Washington's recreational enthusiasts, and close critical connections to other popular trails in the state, and forfeit the right-of-way for any possible future rail transport connection; and

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

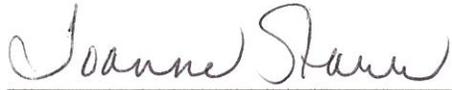
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Buckley that the City expresses its support for the preservation of the John Wayne Trail as well as the allocation of additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River.

Introduced, passed and approved this 9th day of August, 2016.



Pat Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanne Starr, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM;



Phil Olbrechts, City Attorney

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