

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON,
REGARDING THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE
JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL.**

WHEREAS, the John Wayne 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 running 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 Granite Falls is a long-standing supporter of multi-use trail networks having adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies, the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and developed regulations all of which support trails; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls as follows:

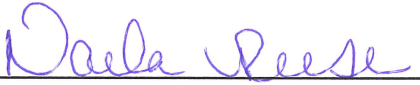
SECTION 1. That the City of Granite Falls expresses the value of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail in concert with the Mountains to Sound Trail, Sound to Olympics Trail and the Olympic Discovery Trail as an essential piece of complete state border-to-border east-west trail, urges the State agencies maintain ownership and control of the entire trail, and further urges that additional resources to be allocated for the maintenance and improvement of the trail.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the City of Granite Falls City Council on the 17th day of August, 2016 and signed into authentication this 17th day of August, 2016.



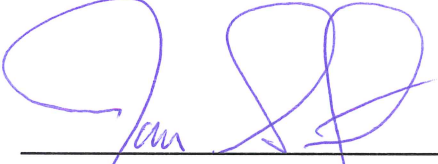
Matthew Hartman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darla Reese, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thom Graafstra, City Attorney