RESOLUTION NO. 16-0336

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, 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 extends from the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the Idaho Border and is the longest rail trail in the United States; and City Council adopted Resolution 14-0306 to establish a list of City Council representatives to serve on various external Boards, Commissions, Committees and other organizations in 2014; 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, 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 the Iron Horse State Park and the John Wayne Pioneer Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewood is a long-standing supporter of multi-use trail networks, having adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies through the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewood’s own interurban trail section may someday contribute to a larger regional connection that would allow trail passage from the City of Edgewood all the way to the eastern State line in Idaho; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

City Council of the City of Edgewood expresses City support of the John Wayne Pioneer Trail as well the allocation of additional state resources for the maintenance and improvement of the trail east of the Columbia River, and applauds the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission’s advisory committee process.

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 2016

Mayor, Daryl Eidinger

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk