

1           **Resolution Supporting Funding for the John Wayne Trail**

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3   **WHEREAS** the John Wayne Trail (JWT, also known as the Iron Horse Trail), which runs  
4 from Tekoa at its eastern terminus to North Bend in the west, is the longest rails-to-  
5 trails project in the state and is the centerpiece of the Washington Parks Department's  
6 2017 biennium budget request;

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8   **WHEREAS** the John Wayne Trail is used by horseback riders, bicycle riders, hikers, and  
9 many other groups and individuals and is the state's only non-motorized cross-state  
10 route;

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12   **WHEREAS** many Eastern Washington towns benefit from revenue as a result of JWT  
13 tourism, and many users from across the state and beyond benefit from using the trail;  
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16   **WHEREAS** the trail is in need of repairs to increase safety and to greatly increase user  
17 traffic, which is why Governor Inslee's budget includes \$4 million for repairs and \$2  
18 million in capital budget requests;

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20   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC supports Governor Inslee's budget  
21 request for JWT repair and improvements, and

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23   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all county and legislative district local  
24 party organizations are encouraged to contact their legislators to urge funding of  
25 repairs and capital plans for the John Wayne Trail in the state budget.

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Submitted by the Agriculture and Rural Caucus on 1/28/2017.

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30   The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution on 1/28/2017, and recommended  
31 that it be passed.

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33   The Washington State Democrats passed this resolution on 1/28/2017.