

RESOLUTION NO. 2381

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TONQUIN TRAIL TO “ICE AGE TONQUIN TRAIL” TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS, AND ENHANCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TOURISM AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

WHEREAS, toward the end of the last Ice Age, some 12,000 to 17,000 years ago, a series of cataclysmic floods representing the greatest floods on earth, occurred in what is now the northwest region of the United States, leaving a lasting mark of dramatic and distinguishing features on the landscape of parts of the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, including the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Congress established the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail in the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon enabling the public to view, experience, and learn about the features and story of the Ice Age floods through the collaborative efforts of public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the national geologic trail is in its earliest stages of planning through the leadership of the National Park Service and the Ice Age Floods Interagency Coordination Committee to collaborate and oversee the activities that will enhance interpretation of the Ice Age Floods story and features along the flood pathways of the ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail pursuant to the attached Foundation Document for the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the national geologic trail will consist of a network of marked touring routes with interpretive opportunities distributed across this vast area and existing roadways will link many of the region’s superb geologic resources by way of a long, central pathway and designated loops and spurs, and where n places foot and bicycle trails that enable access and provide interpretive opportunities of fundamental and other important resources and values will also be a part of this network; and

WHEREAS, Metro, in partnership with Clackamas and Washington counties, and the cities of Sherwood, Tualatin, and Wilsonville are now in the process of completing the Tonquin Trail Master Plan and will fund and operate the proposed 22-mile regional trail that will travel through landscape and unique geological features that were formed by the Ice Age Floods within

and near the Tonquin Geologic Area in order to interpret the natural resources and tell the incredible story of the Ice Age Floods; and

WHEREAS, there may be funding opportunities by tying the regional trail to the national, trail, and linking the two trails may result in economic development by bring more tourists and scientific research to the communities the regional trail will serve; and

WHEREAS, renaming the conceptual Tonquin Trail to “Ice Age Tonquin Trail” would require consensus from the partner jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council supports adding the words “Ice Age” somewhere in the trail name, including the possibility of using those words as a byline or tagline that would follow the existing Tonquin Trail name.
2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 5th day of November, 2012, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.

TIM KNAPP, MAYOR

Attest:

Sandra C. King, MMC

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp - Yes
Council President Núñez - Yes
Councilor Goddard - Yes
Councilor Starr - Yes

Attachment: National Park Service Foundation Document *Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail*.