CITY OF GRANITE FALLS RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PAVE THE MOUNTAIN LOOP HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, the Mountain Loop Scenic Highway scenic road remains unpaved from The White Chuck to Barlow Pass; and

WHEREAS, the history shows the section of road between Granite Falls and Barlow Pass being improved in the 1970s and the section between Darrington to The White Chuck paved in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls recognizes the Mountain Loop Highway currently provides a scenic loop drive opportunity, the unpaved gravel portion of this road is a significant deterrent to recreational traffic; and

WHEREAS, paving the 14 miles of gravel road would significantly increase traffic over the Loop between Granite Falls and Darrington; and

WHEREAS, improving the gravel section of the Loop would increase recreational opportunities within the Cascade Mountains and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, paving the Mountain Loop would provide a safe and accessible alternative route for emergency and other vehicles to access Darrington, Silverton and Granite Falls; and

THEREFORE, the City of Granite Falls supports the efforts to improve the Mountain Loop Highway and feels that paving the Mountain Loop Highway would stimulate the economy and increase tourism.

PASSED by the City Council this <u>17th</u> day of December, 2014.

APPROVED by the Mayor this <u>17th</u> day of December, 2014.

Joshua Golston, Mayor

Attest:

Darla Reese, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Thomas H. Graafstra, City Attorney