

**CITY OF ORTING
WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON,
SUPPORTING THE ORTING EMERGENCY EVACUATION BRIDGE
SYSTEM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING OF STATE ROUTE 162,
AND UTILIZING WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS TO ADVANCE THE DESIGN AND
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Mount Rainier is an active volcano; and

WHEREAS, The City of Orting lies within a Lahar Evacuation Zone and the City must evacuate within 42 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge for Kids group, a nonprofit group of local citizens was formed in 2002 in order to devise a solution to evacuate the Orting schools and citizen in the event of a Mount Rainier Lahar; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Resolution 1997-03 was approved by the City of Orting for the funding and construction of a footbridge across the Carbon River for Safety and Recreational Purposes; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Resolution 2006-01 was approved by the City of Orting supporting a proposal to provide a pedestrian bridge over the Carbon River and means to cross State Route 162 via a bridge or tunnel; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, The Washington State Legislature granted Pierce County Public Works \$850,000 for the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge over State Route 162 within the State Right of Way; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, The Transportation, Commuality, and System Preservation granted Pierce County Public Works \$645,975 for the design and construction of Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Pierce County Public Works received a Community Trade and Economic Development grant in the amount of \$850,000 for the design and construction of Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Pierce County Public Works received a Federal Department of Transportation bill grant in the amount of \$645,975 for the design and construction of Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Resolution 2009-5 was approved by the City of Orting expressing the preference for a pedestrian bridge crossing State Route 162 as part of the Emergency

Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Resolution 2012-12 was approved by the City of Orting accepting the proposed design and alignment of the pedestrian evacuation route for the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Pierce County discontinues their role as lead agent on the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the City of Orting became the Lead agent on the bridge project by signing a Lead Agency Agreement with the Washington Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Resolution 2016-24 was approved by the City of Orting memorializing the City of Orting’s Lead Agency Roll for the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System; and


WHEREAS, The City of Orting desires to complete the design and construction of the pedestrian bridge over State Route 162, and to further the design to completion; and

WHEREAS, The pedestrian evacuation bridge over State Route 162 has been formally supported by, The Orting Planning Commission, The Orting Valley Fire & Rescue Commission, Orting Bridge for Kids, Foothills Rails to Trails coalition, Orting Combined Parent Teacher Association and the Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge Committee;

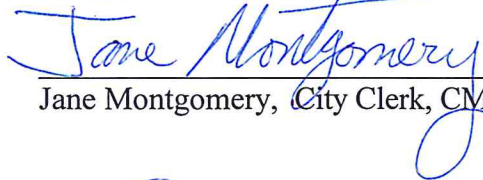
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTS THE EVACUATION BRIDGE SYSTEM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING OF STATE ROUTE 162, AND UTILIZING WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS TO ADVANCE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.

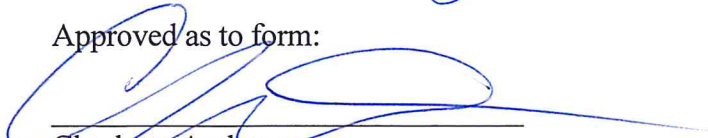
CITY OF ORTING


Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

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