



**RIDGE PATH “DUNCAN’S CROSSING” PROCLAMATION 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Ridge Path extension has been a goal of the City of Gearhart since 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, John Duncan provided the Gearhart community with years of service serving on both the Planning Commission and City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, John was a land surveyor and engineer who, as a Councilor, envisioned the extension to the Ridge Path from 8th through to Gearhart Loop Road; and

**WHEREAS**, John foresaw the creation of a walkway “crossing” over the wetland area between 8th and 10th as it left the trail impassable many months of the year due to heavy rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, John’s passion for this project found he, and the dedicated volunteers he recruited, regularly clearing the proposed work area along the trail; and

**WHEREAS**, John passed away in 2015 during his Council term and the early phase of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, John’s wife, Sandy, shared his wish for this project to come to fruition; and

**WHEREAS**, donations were received in honor of John Duncan’s “crossing” project and volunteers held maintenance work parties to keep the path clear in anticipation; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff worked with local surveyors, engineers, and contractors to obtain the necessary permits, certifications, materials, and ultimately, complete construction of the wetland “crossing”;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we the Mayor and Council of the City of Gearhart, do hereby proclaim the Ridge Path Trail walkway between 8th and 10th to be named:

**“DUNCAN’S CROSSING”**

in memory of Gearhart late Councilman John Duncan’s vision and passion for the Ridge Path project. Gearhart residents and visitors are all encouraged to use and enjoy Duncan’s Crossing.

Paulina Cockrum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chad Sweet, City Administrator