

RESOLUTION NO. R16-114

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING A DONATION
OF A SIGN FROM THE YELLOWSTONE TRAIL ASSOCIATION.**

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone Trail Association desires to donate a sign to the City for installation in Firemen's Park by the Laurel Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the sign is valued at \$600.00; and

WHEREAS it is in the City's best interest to accept this donation.

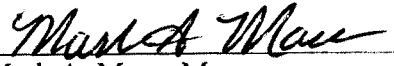
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana, that the Yellowstone Trail Association's donation of a sign to the City is hereby accepted.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on December 6, 2016, by Council Member Eaton.


PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 6th day of December, 2016.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of December, 2016.

CITY OF LAUREL


Mark A. Mace, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bethany Keeler, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:


Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney

3' x 3'

The Yellowstone Trail

1912-1930

The first coast-to-coast auto route across the northern tier of states.

Adding 17 miles to this year's route.

Left Street (including Trail marker in Wisconsin) Right turn at Ocean.

Lib. Ernest Curtiss, remembers the Trail, his hotel and bar, and his days of trucking on the Trail.

"A Good Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound"

The reason for the Good Roads movement.

This historical sign is dedicated to trucking pioneer Dr. John Ross Hutchinson December 18, 1867 - March 22, 1944 by her family and friends.

<p>Before 1912</p> <p>Railroads dominated long distance transportation. Local roads were dust and mud. There was little help from government so owners of the newly arrived autos rose to the challenge.</p>	<p>1912</p> <p>Small town businessmen from South Dakota formed the Yellowstone Trail Association to "get out of the mud" and to pressure counties to build usable automobile roads.</p>	<p>They named the transcontinental auto road Yellowstone to draw tourists along it to the national park. Roads and travel was rough. With no maps tourists relied on guide books and yellow rocks to find their way.</p>	<p>1915</p> <p>The Yellowstone Trail was extended across Wisconsin and reached both coasts by 1917. Yellow and black signs were posted across the country. In 1929, it was Wisconsin's first cross-state highway to be concrete.</p>	<p>Until 1930</p> <p>Hundreds of towns supported the famous Yellowstone Trail. The Association created free campgrounds, travel bureaus, and publications to help the traveler.</p>	<p>1930</p> <p>Route numbering (now an international system but created by the State of Wisconsin in 1918) reduced the need for named roads. Then the Depression spelled the end for all trail associations.</p>
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For more information see www.yellowstonetrail.org

Begin in S.E. in 1912