RESOLUTION NO. 2015-006

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BINGEN
REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF CRUDE OIL
THROUGH THE CITY OF BINGEN

WHEREAS, the city council of the City of Bingen is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, as well as sustaining the health of its local economy; and

WHEREAS, an increase in train traffic through the City of Bingen has an impact on safety and economic development, and

WHEREAS, derailments involving trains hauling crude oil can lead to crude oil spills and explosions which pose a significant health risk; and

WHEREAS, the impact of such train derailment within the city limits of the City of Bingen has the potential to cause loss of life and devastation to the community, environment, and local economy; and

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN, WASHINGTON DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The city council of the City of Bingen urges the Governor of Washington to use the powers of the State to encourage federal rules to ensure safe transport of crude oil on rail lines in Washington.

2. The city council of the City of Bingen urges the State of Washington to require coordination among state agencies concerning preparedness and capacity to respond to an accident involving transportation of crude oil by rail.
3. The city council of the City of Bingen urges the Federal Government to implement regulations regarding train speeds and rail car designs to provide for safer transport of crude oil by train.

4. The city council of the City of Bingen urges the State of Washington to require owners and operators transporting crude oil by rail to assume all risk and be sufficiently bonded and insured against the risk of catastrophic fire and explosion, loss of life and property, environmental destruction and damage and any other harm connected with derailments and/or accidents involving trains carrying crude oil.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bingen, Washington, and APPROVED by its Mayor, at an open public meeting thereof this 5th day of June, 2015.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk / Treasurer

Approved as to Form:

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Attorney