

RESOLUTION 31-93

**DESIGNATING THE
OLD SPANISH TRAIL
AND
THE NORTHERN BRANCH OF THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL
AS AN HISTORIC TRAIL**

BY

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly, in their Joint Resolution 93-3, sponsored by Senator Tilman M. Bishop and Representative Tim Foster, have requested the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation that dedicates the Old Spanish Trail and the Northern Branch of the Old Spanish Trail as an historic trail; and

WHEREAS, between 1829 and 1848, a major trade route was established between Santa Fe and Los Angeles which stretched approximately 1,121 miles; and

WHEREAS, the Old Spanish Trail and the Northern Branch of the Old Spanish Trail proceeded through much of Western Colorado and followed part of the route travelled by the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Old Spanish Trail and its Northern Branch was instrumental in the creation and establishment of many of Western Colorado's towns and communities, including Alamosa, Monte Vista, Saguache, Gunnison, Montrose, Olathe, Delta, Whitewater, Grand Junction, Fruita, Loma, Pagosa Springs, Durango, Mancos, Dolores, and Dove Creek; and

WHEREAS, very little information is recorded about the Northern Branch and much more can be learned about the Old Spanish Trail.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, acting through its duly elected City Council, that the City of Grand Junction, hereby supports the designation of the Old Spanish Trail and the Northern Branch of the Old Spanish Trail as an historic trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that United States Senators from Colorado, Hank Brown and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, and United States Representative, Scott McInnis, are hereby requested to initiate appropriate legislation to dedicate the Old Spanish Trail and the Northern Branch of the Old Spanish Trail as an historic trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to U.S. Senators Hank Brown, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, and U.S. Representative, Scott McInnis, and to all other members of Colorado's congressional delegation, and to all members of the Utah congressional delegation.

DATED at Grand Junction, Colorado, this 19th day of May, 1993.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk