

# Resolution

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY UTAH RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD

**WHEREAS,** four Sandy sixth grade students including Allison Drennan, Beehive Academy; Timothy Holt, Beehive Academy; Abigail Slama-Catron, Midvale Middle School; and Eric Snauffer, Midvale Middle School recently solved the “Miracle on the Hudson” airplane bird strike problem and were recognized with the President’s Environmental Youth Award; and

**WHEREAS,** the President’s Environmental Youth Award recognizes outstanding environmental education and stewardship projects from sixth through twelfth grade students, allowing students from all 50 states and U.S. territories to submit life-changing innovative projects to the EPA for consideration; and

**WHEREAS,** these four inventive Sandy residents created and tested a Bionic Scarecrow, A small, non-polluting, rugged, portable bird scare device that uses random motion to keep birds away from nesting in the wetlands around Salt Lake International Airport; and

**WHEREAS,** 218 birds hit planes at Salt Lake City International Airport in just one year, and bird strikes cost bird lives and airlines \$900 M per year; and

**WHEREAS,** the award winning team was known as the Bionic Porcupines 2.0; and

**WHEREAS,** the young people of Sandy are tomorrow’s leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** Environmental Protection Agency Acting Deputy Regional Administrator Suzanne Bohan has noted, “These student winners are exemplary leaders, committed to strong environmental stewardship and problem solving, Environmental education cultivates our next generation of leaders by teaching them to apply creativity and innovation to the environmental challenges we face as a nation...”

**NOW, THEREFORE,** THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY COMMEND THE BIONIC PORCUPINES 2.0 FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT.

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Tom Dolan, Mayor  
Sandy City

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Stephen P. Smith, Chair  
Sandy City Council