

Resolution of Recognition

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY UTAH HONORING PAUL SWENSON FOR HIS VISION IN THE CREATION OF THE HEALING FIELD EVENT AND HIS PATRIOTISM, DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, one visionary, Mr. Paul Swenson, had the inspiration to create the Healing Field event to commemorate the first anniversary of 9/11. The Healing Field located on the Promenade in Sandy City, Utah was the first memorial of its kind in the country and provided the community a way to honor the memory of the victims of the September 11th tragedy; and

WHEREAS, The Healing Field event began as a simple way for people to visualize and comprehend the sheer enormity of human loss that occurred in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. 3,031 flags were placed in the Sandy Promenade in silent tribute to the memory of those lost. The first Healing Field event emerged as a healing experience, a tangible expression of mourning and a personal gesture of support and has become a cherished and beloved event in Sandy City; and

WHEREAS, Paul Swenson formed the Colonial Flag Foundation which has partnered with patriotic organizations across the country to organize Healing Field and Field of Honor events. The Colonial Flag Foundation has assisted 64 communities, raised over \$1 million dollars for charity, and has flown 48,714 flags at events across the country in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Paul Swenson, CEO of Colonial Flag Company, was the driving force in the creation and installation of the Hope Rising - To Lift a Nation Memorial and the Utah Freedom Memorial. He is the recipient of the George Washington Medal of Honor, the National Air Force Civilian Patriot Award, the Chamber Man of the Year, and numerous other honors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY DO HEREBY COMMEND PAUL SWENSON FOR HIS VISION, PATRIOTISM AND COMPASSION TO HELP THOSE IN HIS COMMUNITY HONOR THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AND FOR HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Kurt Bradburn, Mayor
Sandy City

Alison Stroud, Chair
Sandy City Council