



## PROCLAMATION

*in celebration of*

# Stem Cell Awareness Day

September 23, 2009



*Whereas*, California has long been a leader in scientific and medical research. In 2004 our citizens made a bold investment in the promise of stem cell research by passing Proposition 71 and establishing The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), to provide \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions; and

*Whereas*, with close to 300 grants representing more than \$760 million invested in research and facility grants, CIRM & the State of California have played a leading role in significantly accelerating the pace of stem cell research; and

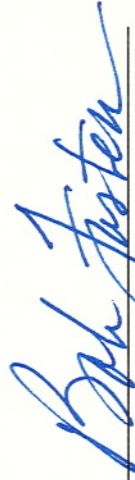
*Whereas*, in 2009, the 300<sup>th</sup> research paper by a CIRM grantee was published and the findings in all of these papers represent exciting milestones on the pathway to therapies and cures; and

*Whereas*, nearly half of all California families have a family member suffering from a chronic disease of injury; and

*Whereas*, today, in partnership with other states, countries, and research institutions around the world, stem cell therapies hold great potential for treatments and cures of more than 70 major diseases and conditions including diabetes, Parkinson's Alzheimer's disease, cancer, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, and blindness;

*Now, Therefore*, be it resolved that I, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim **September 23, 2009 as Stem Cell Awareness Day** in Long Beach and I encourage all residents of our community and abroad to learn more about stem cell research, to help in the scientific advances that will pave the way for a healthier future for patients world wide.



  
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Bob Foster  
Mayor

Dated: September 23, 2009