

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, California has long been a leader in scientific and medical research; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the citizens of California made a bold investment in the promise of stem cell research by passing Proposition 71 and establishing The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), the state stem cell agency, 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 and the State of California have played a leading role in significantly accelerating the pace of stem cell research; and

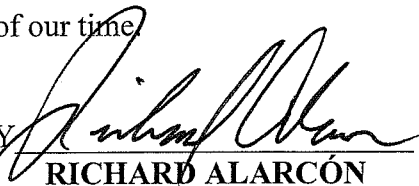
WHEREAS, in 2009, the 300th research paper by a CIRM grantee was published and the findings in all of these papers represent exciting milestones on the pathway to therapies and cures; and

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

WHEREAS, Stem Cell Awareness Day was created as a partnership with other states, countries and research institutions around the world, and it is a Day that honors the scientific advances being made today in California in this field will pave the way for a healthier future for patients world wide.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles joins an international community of supporters of stem cell research to declare September 23, 2009, "Stem Cell Awareness Day" and use this day to encourage all Californians to learn more about stem cell research, one of the most exciting areas of medical research of our time

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