



Proclamation

Stem Cell Awareness Day September 23, 2009

WHEREAS, in 2004, California passed Proposition 71 which established the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), providing \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research at California universities and research institutions; and

WHEREAS, CIRM and the State of California have accelerated the pace of stem cell research with close to 300 grants representing more than \$760 million invested in research and facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the 300th research paper written by a CIRM grantee was published which marked an important milestone for research on the path to finding therapies and cures; and

WHEREAS, stem cell therapies hold great potential for treatments and cures for more than 70 major diseases and conditions including diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, cancer, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and blindness; and

WHEREAS, Californians are encouraged to learn more about stem cell research and the scientific advances being made today in California; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with other states, countries and research institutions around the world, Stem Cell Awareness Day is being recognized this September.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Kevin Johnson, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim *September 23, 2009 as Stem Cell Awareness Day* in the City of Sacramento and do hereby recognize the scientific advances made today in California paving the way for a healthier future for patients world wide.

ISSUED: This 23rd Day of September 2009.



KEVIN JOHNSON
MAYOR