

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

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), 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, San Francisco is deeply committed to ensure that funding stem cell research moves forward to find cures to our world's most challenging diseases, and is proud that the CIRM can call our City home; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all California families have a family member suffering from a chronic disease or injury; 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, I encourage all Californians to learn more about stem cell research, one of the most exciting areas of medical research of our time. The scientific advances being made today in California in this field will pave the way for a healthier future for patients world wide; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2009 as...

STEM CELL AWARENESS DAY

In San Francisco!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom
Mayor