

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

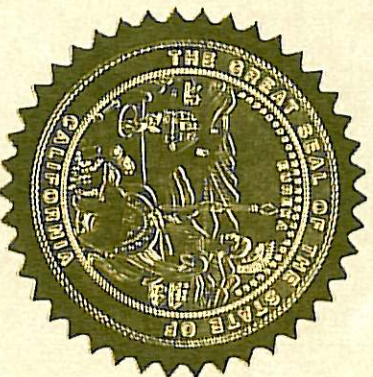
Today, California is honored to join with other states and countries in commemorating Stem Cell Awareness Day. Since the passage of Proposition 71 in 2004, which allocated \$3 billion to fund stem cell research in California, our state has become a hub of innovation and advancement in this important field.

The progress being made in stem cell research offers exciting possibilities. Far too many Californians suffer from chronic illnesses or injuries, ranging from diabetes to cancer, multiple sclerosis and more. There is great hope that one day, stem cells may be able to reduce the effects of, or even cure, these conditions. This prospect means that many will be able to live stronger and healthier lives.

I am proud of California's contributions to stem cell research, and today especially, I thank all of those whose hard work moves us along the path to new discoveries. Their fantastic efforts have an enormous potential to help countless people in our state and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2009, as "Stem Cell Awareness Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 22nd day of September 2009.



Arnold Schwarzenegger

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Debra Bowen

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State