



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is an international leader in the field of stem cell research, a field that represents not just an exponential advance in the sum total of human knowledge but also a ray of hope for countless families in Wisconsin and around the world that struggle daily with chronic disease or illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin has led the way in pioneering stem cell research, including the first successful derivation of human embryonic stem cell lines in 1998 and the successful derivation of induced pluripotent stem cell lines in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is currently the home of many of the nation's leading stem cell researchers, working in laboratories at the University of Wisconsin, the Medical College of Wisconsin, and throughout the State's growing biotechnology industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's WiCell was selected to house the country's first National Stem Cell Bank by the National Institutes of Health in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, construction is currently underway on the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, a \$750 million research facility being built on the University of Wisconsin campus that will house biotechnology researchers across several fields, including stem cell researchers; and

**WHEREAS**, stem cell research has entered a crucial phase with clinical trials being planned around the world to test potential therapies and cures for many diseases and chronic medical conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine originated "Stem Cell Awareness Day" with the objectives of delivering information to the public about the science of stem cell research, raising awareness of the current state of research across all types of stem cell science, and conveying the future promise of stem cell science for a wide variety of therapies and diagnostic applications; and

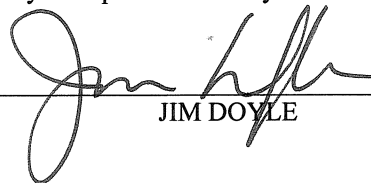
**WHEREAS** "Stem Cell Awareness Day" is being recognized nationally and internationally on September 23, 2009 with events and proclamations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2009 as**

**STEM CELL AWARENESS DAY**

throughout Wisconsin and I encourage all citizens to learn more about the science of stem cell research and to continue to support efforts underway in Wisconsin to transform current success in the laboratory into future cures that will alleviate human pain and suffering.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixteenth day of September in the year two thousand nine.

  
JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State