

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING PHILIP A. PIZZO FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS

WHEREAS, Philip A. Pizzo, M.D., is a respected physician who, over the course of his career, has served in a variety of leadership positions, including Dean of the Stanford School of Medicine from 2001 through 2012, Physician-in-Chief of Children's Hospital in Boston and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, head of the National Cancer Institute's infectious disease section, Chief of the NCI's pediatric department, and acting Scientific Director for NCI's Division of Clinical Sciences;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University and his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and completed an internship and residency at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, a teaching fellowship at Harvard Medical School, and a clinical and research fellowship in pediatric oncology at the National Cancer Institute;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo has been recognized for his contributions as a clinical investigator and has devoted much of his distinguished medical career to the diagnosis, management, prevention, and treatment of childhood cancers and the infectious complications that occur in children whose immune systems are compromised by cancer and AIDS, including pioneering the development of new treatments for children with HIV infection, lengthening and improving the quality of life for children with this disease;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo is the author of more than 500 scientific articles and 14 books, including the first article in the New England Journal of Medicine on antiviral therapy of HIV in children, and he has received several honors, including the Outstanding Service Medal in 1995 from the U.S. Public Health Service, and "Washingtonian of the Year" in 1990 from Washingtonian Magazine for helping to found the Children's Inn, a temporary home for children undergoing treatment at the National Institutes of Health and their families;

WHEREAS, State Controller Steve Westly appointed Dr. Pizzo to serve on the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2004 and State Controller John Chiang re-appointed Dr. Pizzo to a second term in 2010;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo served as one of the original members of the Governing Board, helping to establish the policies and procedures that govern CIRM today and guiding the agency through numerous challenges, including litigation and a financial crisis that threatened CIRM's ability to pursue its mission;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo brought a wealth of knowledge, insight, and experience to CIRM in his role as a member of the Governing Board and as a member of the Governance, Finance, and Science Subcommittees;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo also contributed to CIRM through his participation on various task forces and through his wise advice and counsel to CIRM's leadership;

WHEREAS, Dr. Pizzo, through his vast experience, knowledge, and leadership, contributed greatly to the momentum of discovery and the future therapies which will be the ultimate outcome of the dedicated work of the researchers receiving CIRM funding.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, on behalf of the people of the State of California, wishes to express its deepest gratitude to Philip A. Pizzo, M.D., for his service on CIRM's Governing Board and for his dedication to the advancement of stem cell research and to the mission of finding therapies and cures for patients who suffer from chronic disease and injury and for their families.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Chairman, Governing Board
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine