

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING ROBERT N. KLEIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein was one of the principal drafters of the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act (Proposition 71), contributed substantial time and resources, at great personal sacrifice, to ensure the measure's passage, and successfully led the campaign to enact Proposition 71;

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, more than seven million voters who shared Robert N. Klein's dream approved Proposition 71, which established the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine ("CIRM") and which gave hope to the millions of people who suffer from chronic disease and injury;

WHEREAS, on December 6-7, 2004, the National Academy of Sciences, at the request of Robert N. Klein, convened a workshop of the nation's leading scientists, ethicists, and governance experts at the University of California, Irvine, to discuss best practices for conflict of interest policies, grants program priorities, medical and ethical standards, intellectual property administration, and general agency procedures, all of which served as the foundation for the policies subsequently adopted by CIRM's Governing Board;

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, Treasurer Phil Angelides, and Controller Steve Westly each nominated Robert N. Klein to serve as the first Chairman of CIRM's Governing Board and the members of the Governing Board unanimously elected him as Chairman on December 17, 2004;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein recruited many of CIRM's talented staff members, served as interim President of the agency, and was instrumental in establishing the agency's initial policies and programs, including the adoption of medical and ethical standards to guide CIRM-funded research and the appointment of outstanding scientists, ethicists and facilities experts to serve on CIRM's Working Groups;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein led CIRM's efforts to obtain office space for its staff, devising an unprecedented competition among California cities that resulted in the Governing Board's selection of San Francisco as the site of the agency's headquarters with free office space for 10 years and other benefits valued at \$17 million;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein led the effort to defend CIRM against numerous legal attacks in state and federal court, including devising a strategy to counter two separate actions challenging the constitutionality of Proposition 71, which led to an

expeditious resolution of the cases and a unanimous decision of California's First District Court of Appeal upholding Proposition 71 in its entirety;

WHEREAS, while the litigation, which prevented the State from issuing bonds on CIRM's behalf, was pending, Robert N. Klein, with the support of Sherry Lansing, Ed Penhoet and other members of the Governing Board, worked with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Treasurer Bill Lockyer to secure interim funding for CIRM through a General Fund loan and the first ever sale of Bond Anticipation Notes in order to fund CIRM's first research awards to train a new generation of stem cell researchers;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein, as a member of the Facilities Working Group, devised a strategy to offer up-front funding to Major Facilities Grant recipients in exchange for a reduction in the amount of the award, thereby enabling CIRM to fund 12 Major Facilities Grants, including seven CIRM Institutes, two CIRM Centers of Excellence, and three CIRM Special Programs, which combined attracted more than \$1 billion in private and institutional matching funds;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein, as result of his financial foresight and acumen, successfully guided CIRM through difficult financial conditions in California and ensured that CIRM had sufficient funds to meet its obligations to its grantees, loan recipients, and its international co-funding partners;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein has been instrumental in supporting the establishment of CIRM's international collaborations with Canada, the State of Victoria (Australia), and other countries and states, enabling CIRM to leverage California's scientific leadership and investment in stem cell research with investments by other governments;

WHEREAS, Robert N. Klein has been an outstanding spokesman for CIRM, for stem cell research, and for the millions of patients who suffer from chronic disease and injury; and

WHEREAS, CIRM could not have accomplished its many successes over the last six and one half years without the vision and dedication of Robert N. Klein.

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 for Robert N. Klein's contributions to CIRM, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine hereby bestows upon Robert N. Klein the title of Chairman Emeritus of the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in recognition of his outstanding contributions and dedication to CIRM and its mission.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Chairman, Governing Board
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine