

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**  
**HONORING JONATHAN SHESTACK FOR HIS SERVICE TO**  
**THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,**  
**STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack, is a successful film producer and entertainment executive with credits including “Air Force One”, “Dan in Real Life”, “Firewall”, “Waiting”, and “Ghosts of Girlfriends Past”;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack is a longtime advocate for those challenged by Autism, having co-founded Cure Autism Now in 1995 with his wife, Portia Iversen;

WHEREAS, Cure Autism Now, which merged with Autism Speaks in 2007, was a driving force in growing the field of Autism research and a leader in raising awareness and funding;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack was also involved in establishing the Autism Genetics Resource Exchange, an Autism gene bank that was the first to provide open access to the entire scientific community and soon grew to become the world’s largest bank;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack was instrumental in securing the passage of both the Children’s Health Act of 2000 and Combating Autism Act of 2006;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack served for two terms on the National Institutes of Health Internal Autism Coordinating Committee and for three years on the executive committee of Autism Speaks;

WHEREAS, former Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nuñez appointed Jonathan Shestack to serve on the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2004;

WHEREAS, as a founding member of CIRM’s Governing Board, Jonathan Shestack brought a wealth of knowledge, insight, and experience to CIRM;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack’s passion for CIRM’s work and his commitment to all patients, but particularly those living with the challenges of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, and mental health disorders, was evident to all who observed his participation in Board meetings and CIRM events;

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack also contributed to CIRM as a member of the Grants Working Group, CIRM’s scientific peer review group; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Shestack, through his passion, commitment, 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 Jonathan Shestack, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Jonathan Y. Thomas  
Chairman, Governing Board  
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine