

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING LEEZA GIBBONS FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons, is a respected host of entertainment news and talk shows, including “Leeza”, the Emmy award winning daytime show, an author, businesswoman, and social entrepreneur, who currently hosts “ My Generation”, a program on PBS;

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons has been involved with the Alzheimer’s Association for over a decade and has served as a member of the celebrity panel of the American Red Cross for more than two decades;

WHEREAS, in 2002, Leeza Gibbons created The Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation as a promise to her mother to “tell her story and make it count” after her diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and her family's subsequent caregiving challenges;

WHEREAS, the foundation’s signature program, Leeza’s Place, offers a community gathering place and resource center at eight locations nationwide that provide free support services, resources, and programs for family caregivers taking care of a loved one with a memory disorder or any chronic and/or progressive illness;

WHEREAS, the foundation also established Leeza’s Care Connection, a place where caregivers come together to become stronger, more resilient, and grounded, developing a set of skills that helps them handle their new life of change;

WHEREAS, the American Association for Retired People (AARP) recently named Leeza Gibbons the AARP Ambassador of Care and one of the “Ten Who Make a Difference”, describing her as the “Voice of the Caregiver”;

WHEREAS, former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Leeza Gibbons to serve on the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in 2008;

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons brought a wealth of knowledge, insight, and experience to CIRM in her role as a member of the Governing Board;

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons’s passion for CIRM’s work and her commitment to patients was evident to all who observed her participation in Board meetings and CIRM events;

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons also contributed to CIRM through her wise advice and counsel to CIRM's leadership on communications matters and through her participation in CIRM educational videos; and

WHEREAS, Leeza Gibbons, through her 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 Leeza Gibbons, for her service on CIRM's Governing Board and for her 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