



**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**  
**HONORING JAMES C. HARRISON FOR HIS SERVICE TO**  
**THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,**  
**STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND THE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, James C. Harrison earned a Bachelor degree from Duke University and his law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison was a litigation associate with Morrison & Foerster prior to joining Remcho, Johansen & Purcell in 1997, becoming a partner in 2001;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has represented numerous state, local and federal candidates in connection with election law, campaign finance, and enforcement matters, including advising public officials and agencies on compliance with professional ethics and conflict of interest law;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has played a pivotal role in the drafting of numerous ballot measures, including Propositions 10, 26, 82, 87 and 93, as well as Proposition 71.

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison successfully defended the agency in litigation following the November 2004 election, while simultaneously guiding the CIRM Board in the development of its governing structures and strategy as Board Counsel;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison has been involved in virtually every aspect of the agency's operations as Board Counsel, including drafting and reviewing agency policies, advising the agency on conflict of interest issues, and interfacing with constitutional officers and legislators on matters ranging from financing to proposed legislation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison also provided expert counsel in matters relating to the Board and its subcommittees and task forces, financial structure and public and private bond programs, inter-governmental relations, and CIRM's Major Facilities Program;



WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Mills appointed James Harrison as CIRM's general counsel in 2014, and in that role Mr. Harrison was instrumental in designing and implementing many of CIRM's more innovative features;

WHEREAS, as General Counsel Mr. Harrison unified and streamlined CIRM's legal resources, empowering the legal team to become an integral part of the agency's efforts to accelerate stem cell therapies to patients with unmet medical needs;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison ensured the agency pursued its mission while demonstrating the highest ethical and legal standards for transparency and accountability as befitting a state agency entrusted with public funds;

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison accomplished all of the above, while doing so with extraordinary grace, humility and good humor, earning the abiding respect and admiration of the entire CIRM team and the Board;

WHEREAS, through his passion, commitment, knowledge, and leadership, Mr. Harrison 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.

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison gives back to the community by teaching an executive education course titled, "James - Is This a Roll-Call Vote?"

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, on behalf of the people of the State of California, *on one hand* wishes to express its deepest gratitude to James Harrison for his service to CIRM and for his dedication to accelerating stem cell treatments to patients with unmet medical needs, *but on the other hand is not sure if a roll call vote is required to do so.*

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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