



**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING KENNETH C BURTIS, Ph.D., FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Kenneth C. Burtis earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry and Biophysics from the University of California, Davis, and a Doctorate in Biochemistry from Stanford University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis conducted postdoctoral research at Stanford University from 1979 to 1988, before he returned to UC Davis as an assistant professor of genetics;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis served as chair of the Genetics Graduate Group, vice-chair of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, associate director of the UC Davis Genome Center, and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Programs in the College of Biological Sciences;

WHEREAS, from 2005 to 2011, Dr. Burtis served as Interim Dean and then as the first Dean of the newly-established College of Biological Sciences at UC Davis, which includes over 5,000 undergraduate students, 450 graduate students and 125 faculty;

WHEREAS, from 2016 to 2017, Dr. Burtis served as Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of UC Davis, before returning to his position as Faculty Advisor to the Chancellor and Provost at UC Davis, with primary responsibilities centered on coordination of the planning process for growth of the campus over the next decade, covering the areas of enrollment management, facilities planning and academic resources;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis' involvement with biology at UC Davis spans almost four decades, during which time he has been a student, staff member, professor and administrator;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis' research has focused on the molecular genetics of metamorphosis and its regulation by steroid hormones, the determination of sex, and DNA repair;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis' affinity for teaching afforded him the opportunity to influence the design of California Hall (which opened in January 2019) and the Teaching and Learning Center (now under construction) at UC Davis to accommodate more active modes of instruction;

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis has been UC Davis' representative on the governing board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine since 2009, first as an alternate to Dr. Claire Pomeroy and since 2013 as UC Davis' chief representative;

WHEREAS, as a member and alternate member of CIRM's Governing Board, Dr. Burtis brought a wealth of knowledge, insight, and experience to CIRM; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burtis, through his experience, 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 Dr. Ken Burtis for his service on CIRM's Governing Board and for his dedication to the advancement of stem cell research and to the mission of CIRM to accelerate stem cell treatments to patients with unmet medical needs.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

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