



**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING MICHAEL A. FRIEDMAN, M.D., FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Michael A. Friedman earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Tulane University, and a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of Texas;

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman completed his postdoctoral training at Stanford University and the National Cancer Institute, and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman joined the U.S. Public Health Service in 1970, ultimately attaining the rank of Rear Admiral and has served as an active duty and now reserve officer;

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman spent nearly a decade at the University of California at San Francisco, as an associate professor of medicine directing the Cancer Research Institute, before joining the Division of Cancer Treatment at the National Cancer Institute in 1983, where he went on to become the associate director of the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program;

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman served as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Deputy Commissioner and was then tapped by the Clinton administration to serve as acting commissioner of the FDA, where he helped to streamline the FDA's review and approval process and protect the nation's food and drug supply;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Dr. Michael A. Friedman was appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Director, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Irell & Manella Cancer Center's Distinguished Chair of City of Hope, a cancer research and treatment institution dedicated to innovation in basic and clinical biomedical research and delivery of exceptional patient care, where he served for a decade;

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman has received numerous awards for his work, including the Surgeon General's Medallion, the FDA Commissioner's Special Citation and the Public Health Service Distinguished Service Medal;



WHEREAS, State Treasurer Phil Angelides appointed Dr. Friedman to CIRM's Governing Board in 2004, and State Treasurer Bill Lockyer reappointed Dr. Friedman in 2010;

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman served as a member of the Facilities Working Group Search Subcommittee, the Finance Subcommittee, and the Science Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Friedman, 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. Michael A. Friedman, 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