



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING MR. JEFF SHEEHY, FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Jeff Sheehy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Texas at Austin;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy served as a victims rights advocate in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office from 1998 to 2000;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy served as an HIV/AIDS policy advisor to then San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom from 2004 to 2006;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy served as Communications Director for the UCSF AIDS Institute, where he led media relations for hundreds of AIDS Research Institute scientists and interpreted and disseminated crucial research findings;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy's advocacy on behalf of patients with HIV/AIDS spans over two decades, during which time he advanced policies and legislation that vastly improved the quality of life for thousands of individuals living with HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his HIV/AIDS advocacy, Mr. Sheehy has received numerous awards, including the Human Rights Campaign's Leadership Award, the Caped Crusader Award from Equality California, the Tomas Fabregas AIDS Hero Award, and the UCSF Chancellor's Award for Public Service;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy is a crusader for LGBTQ equality, serving as the president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and a key member of ACT Up/San Francisco;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy was a crucial advocate in San Francisco's landmark Equal Benefits Ordinance, a law that advanced LGBT protections in the City and County of San Francisco;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy was appointed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors by Mayor Ed Lee in 2017;

WHEREAS, as Supervisor, Mr. Sheehy made history by serving as the first openly HIV-positive supervisor in San Francisco;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy was a founding director of CIRM, helping establish the Agency's foundational procedures and policies;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy served as Chair of the ICOC's Science Subcommittee, Vice Chair of the Grants Working Group, a member of the Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Committee, a member of the Scientific and Medical Facilities Working Groups, a member of the Industry Engagement and Intellectual Property Sub-Committee, a member of the Governance Subcommittee, a member of the Legislative Subcommittee, a member of the Evaluation Subcommittee, and a member of the Finance Subcommittee;

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy played a crucial role developing CIRM's intellectual property regulations and ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sheehy, 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 Jeff Sheehy 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: June 18, 2021

Signed: 

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