



CALIFORNIA'S STEM CELL AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING KRISTIINA VUORI FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Kristiina Vuori earned her Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Oulu, Finland;

WHEREAS, after completing her internship and residency, Dr. Vuori received postdoctoral training at the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute (SBP) from 1992 to 1995 with then-President and CEO Dr. Erkki Ruoslahti. The SBP has major research programs in cancer, neurodegeneration, diabetes, and infectious, inflammatory, and childhood diseases, and is especially known for its world-class capabilities in stem cell research and drug discovery technologies;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori was appointed to the SBP faculty in 1996 and as Deputy Director of SBP's National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Cancer Center in 2003, served as Director of the Cancer Center from 2005 to 2013, and became co-Director of the Conrad Prebys Center for Chemical Genomics at SBP in 2005;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori served as Executive Vice President for Scientific Affairs at SBP from 2008 to 2010, as President of SBP from 2010 to 2022, and as interim CEO from 2013 to 2014;

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dr. Vuori has received numerous research grants and awards from NCI, the National Institute of Health (NIH), the United States Department of Defense (DoD), Stand Up To Cancer Dream Team, and the California Cancer Research Programs;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori was selected as a PEW Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences in 1997 (dubbed as "20 most promising scientists in America");

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori was elected to the National Academy of Inventors in 2014;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori has served in a wide variety of advisory capacities to NCI and other cancer organizations, including advisory roles for the NCI's Developmental Therapeutics Program, Center for Strategic Scientific Initiatives, and the National Cancer Advisory Board. She has served on several NIH and DoD study sections, and is the past chair of the DoD Breast Cancer Research Program's prestigious "Innovator Award" panel;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori has served or currently serves on boards of directors for the American Association for Cancer Research, the California Breast Cancer Research Program, the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame, and WebMD;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori also serves on numerous editorial boards for scientific journals, institutional scientific advisory boards, and as consultant for pharmaceutical companies;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori is a co-founder of three biotechnology companies;

WHEREAS, based on Dr. Vuori's discoveries, orally bioavailable drugs to combat chemotherapy-induced anemia have been developed and are currently undergoing Phase II clinical testing;

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado appointed Dr. Vuori to serve as a member of CIRM's Governing Board in 2010. In addition to her service on the Board, Dr. Vuori served as a member of the Science Subcommittee of the Board and co-chaired the Governance Subcommittee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Vuori, through her 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; now, therefore,

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. Kristiina Vuori for her service on CIRM's Governing Board and for her dedication to the advancement of stem cell research and to the mission of CIRM to accelerate world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Chairman, Governing Board
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine