



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
HONORING OSWALD STEWARD FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE,
STEM CELL RESEARCH, AND CALIFORNIA PATIENTS**

WHEREAS, Oswald Steward received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1970;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward received his Ph.D., in psychobiology from the University of California, Irvine in 1974;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward served as a professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine from 1974 to 1986;

WHEREAS, the NIH recognized Dr. Steward's early work by awarding him with the NIH Research Career Development Award;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward served as a Professor of Neuroscience and Neurosurgery at the University of Virginia from 1986 to 1989;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward served as the founding chair and Harrison Foundation Professor of Neuroscience and Neurosurgery at the University of Virginia from 1990 to 1999;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward was the Co-Recipient of the OASI Institute International Award for Brain Dysfunction Research in 1991 and received the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression's Distinguished Investigators Award in 1998;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward serves as the endowed Reeve-Irvine Distinguished Professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology and holds joint appointments in the Departments of Neurobiology and Behavior and Neurosurgery at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward is the founding director of the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, a world renowned basic science research center devoted to the study of repair, regeneration, and recovery of function after spinal cord injury at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward is well known for his research on how nerve cells create and maintain their connections with each other and how these synapses are modified after injury;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward is President-elect of the Society of Neuroscience, the largest neuroscience professional society in the world;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward is a member of the American Society for Cell Biology and American Association for the Advancement of Science;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward served on the Council of the Society for Neuroscience from 2013-2017;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward was a founding director of CIRM, helping establish the Agency's foundational procedures and policies and serving in leadership roles throughout his tenure on the Board, including as co-Chair of the Grants Working Group and Chair of the Science Subcommittee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Steward, 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. Oswald Steward 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: December 14, 2021

Signed: 

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