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**SUSAN L. SOLOMON  
TO BE HONORED BY NEW YORK STATE  
CEO of The New York Stem Cell Foundation to be  
Recognized for Contributions in the Field of Stem Cell Research**

New York State Lieutenant Governor David A. Paterson recently announced that Susan L. Solomon, Chief Executive Officer of The New York Stem Cell Foundation, is one of eight honorees for the 2008 New York State Women of Excellence Award.

For the past three years, the Lieutenant Governor has recognized women who have made significant contributions to a variety of fields, including those from the business, arts, health, community service and environmental sectors. "Susan has been a driving force in advancing stem cell research in New York and throughout the entire country," said Paterson. "Thanks to her efforts, NYSCF created a cutting edge stem cell research lab that works to develop therapies and cures for over a dozen major illnesses, free of federal constraints. Her leadership, passion, and success in supporting stem cell research make her a 'Woman of Excellence'."

In response to this acknowledgement, Ms. Solomon remarked, "I am absolutely thrilled to be recognized in this way. Receiving this honor from the Lieutenant Governor, who worked so hard to bring stem cell research to the forefront in the state of New York, has special meaning for me."

Ms. Solomon will receive the award, along with seven other honorees, at a program at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Additional honorees include:

Tina Lee, Executive Vice President of the World Journal  
Chief Kathy Ryan, NYPD Domestic Violence Unit  
Ivonne Mosquera, Visually impaired NY Marathon runner  
Julia Hahn, Ms. Mosquera's guide  
Peggy Shepherd, Co-Founder and Executive Director, WEACT  
Patricia Cruz, Executive Director, Aaron Davis Hall  
Maria Roman, Co-Founder, National Puerto Rican Day Parade  
Billie Holiday Hayes, President, Mid-Manhattan Branch NAACP

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### *About The New York Stem Cell Foundation*

Founded in 2005, the New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF) is a privately funded organization dedicated to furthering stem cell research to advance the search for cures of the major diseases of our time. The Foundation opened the first privately funded human embryonic stem cell laboratory in New York in March 2006 to serve as a “safe haven” where scientists from academic medical centers in the New York area and throughout the East Coast can conduct advanced human embryonic stem cell research free of the federal restrictions that limit the scope of government-supported work. The organization’s mission is to support scientists engaged in stem cell research and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), through grants, fellowships and symposia; to educate the public about the importance and potential benefits of hESC research and SCNT; and to establish new collaborative, state-of-the-art research facilities supported entirely with private funds and directly focused on curing disease.