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**THE NEW YORK STEM CELL FOUNDATION APPLAUDS U.S. SENATE  
FOR PASSING THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT**

***Legislation Would Permit Federal Funding for Expanded Embryonic  
Stem Cell Research Initiatives***

NEW YORK, NY (April 11, 2007) – The New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF), an organization dedicated to furthering human embryonic stem cell research, today joined patient advocacy groups and leading figures in the scientific community in applauding the U.S. Senate for passing the *Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (S.5)* with strong bi-partisan support. This legislation will expand federal support for human embryonic stem cell research and establish federal guidelines to ensure that this research moves forward in a safe and ethical manner.

“The vast majority of Americans agree that human embryonic stem cell research holds incredible potential for discovering better treatments and, potentially, cures for diseases, disorders and devastating injuries that impact millions of our loved ones,” said Susan L. Solomon, NYSCF CEO and co-founder. “We are pleased that senators on both sides of the aisle recognize this overwhelming sentiment and cast their votes in support of S.5, the only proposed legislation that will truly advance human embryonic stem cell research. We now look to the President once again with the hope that he will choose to expand the current federal stem cell research policy that is tying the hands of our best scientists and impeding scientific progress.”

“The current restrictive federal policy on funding for human embryonic stem cell research has discouraged scientists from pursuing potentially lifesaving research and threatened our nation’s position in the global medical research community,” said Dr. Kevin Eggan, scientific director of the New York Stem Cell Foundation. “Our representatives in Washington must change this policy and allow research to move forward.”

Added Solomon: “Private philanthropy is playing a vital role in establishing human embryonic stem cell research priorities and getting critical initiatives off of the ground. If federal and state funding does become available, there is tremendous potential for private-public partnerships to become effective drivers of this incredibly promising science.”

**About The New York Stem Cell Foundation**

Founded in 2005, the New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF) is a privately funded foundation dedicated to furthering human embryonic stem cell research to advance the search for cures of the major diseases of our time. The foundation opened its first

privately-funded laboratory 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 missions are: to support scientists engaged in human embryonic stem cell (hESC) research and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), through grants, fellowships and symposia; to educate the public about the importance and potential benefits of human embryonic stem cell (hESC) research and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT); and to establish new collaborative, state-of-the-art research facilities supported entirely with private funds and directly focused on curing disease. For more information, please visit [www.nyscf.org](http://www.nyscf.org).

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