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**NEW YORK STEM CELL FOUNDATION STATEMENT ON NEW
GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH**
Empire State Stem Cell Board Encourages Leading Researchers in New York

NEW YORK – “The New York Stem Cell Foundation (NYSCF) commends Governor Eliot Spitzer, Lieutenant Governor David Paterson and members of the Empire State Stem Cell Funding Board for today’s announcement of grant awards to support stem cell research and training. These grants will be used to support research that improves and saves the lives of New Yorkers and Americans across the country every day. The field of stem cell research is constantly growing and changing, as we discover new scientific intricacies and develop new therapeutics; we are grateful for leaders in our New York government that continue to support all avenues of research,” said Susan L. Solomon, NYSCF Chief Executive Officer.

“Today’s announcement is important not only for the scientific community of New York, but also for scientists across the country,” said Dr. Kevin Eggan, NYSCF Scientific Director and Principle Investigator, The Harvard Stem Cell Institute. “We are proud to do our research in a state that supports science and innovation. New York is sending a message to researchers, and young researchers in particular, that science is a priority and that research will continue to be valued and funded.”

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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 human embryonic 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 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 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.