

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

What could be more important than devoting your life to keeping others healthy, safe and strong? Many are committed to this pursuit in their own unique ways: a parent who nurtures a child, a police officer who protects a neighborhood or a doctor who treats the sick. Today, I am honored to recognize biomedical researchers, another fantastic group of men and women whose goal is the health and longevity of all people.

The keys to a future free from diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, AIDS, diabetes and more, rest in the hands of these talented individuals. Discoveries being made by our biomedical research community have already given millions help and hope through revolutionary treatments and cures. In addition to humans, animals ranging from the family dog to endangered species have also benefited immeasurably from new vaccines and treatments.

Also of note is that the biomedical industry in California accounts for hundreds of thousands of jobs and tens of billions of dollars in economic impact, which is also crucial to the well-being of employees, communities and our state.

California is home to some of the biggest and best biotechnology businesses and institutions, and as a state, we say thank you to everyone who has made our biomedical industry the finest in the world. You are making our vision for a healthier tomorrow a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2009, as "Biomedical Research Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 20th day of October 2009.



Handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in blue ink.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in blue ink.

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State