## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# **SCHEDULE 14A**

(Rule 14a-101) SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)

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# SURMODICS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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#### \*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\* Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on February 06, 2012

## SURMODICS, INC.

#### **Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: December 09, 2011 Date: February 06, 2012 Time: 4:00 PM CST Location: SurModics Headquarters 9924 West 74th Street Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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#### Before You Vote How to Access the Proxy Materials

### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. NPS/10K 2. Shareholder Letter

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  $\rightarrow$  XXXX XXXX (located on the following page) and visit: *www.proxyvote.com*.

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) BY INTERNET:www.proxyvote.com2) BY TELEPHONE:1-800-579-16393) BY E-MAIL\*:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before January 23, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

#### How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "*legal proxy*." To do so, please follow the instructions at *www.proxyvote.com* or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box

marked by the arrow  $\rightarrow$  **XXXX XXXX** available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

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	Va	oting Items		
The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:				
1.	Election of Director <b>Nominees</b>	-		
01	José H. Bedoya	02 David R. Dantzker, M.D.	03 Gary R. Maharaj	04 Scott R. Ward
The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):				
2	Set the number of directors at ten (10);			
3	Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as SurModics' independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2012; and			
4	To approve, in a non-binding advisory vote, the Company's executive compensation.			
NO	<b>TE:</b> To consider an	ad act upon such other matters as me	w properly come before the	meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the meeting.

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Voting Instructions

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