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Jeff Flocken Named Vice President of Operations at Tenet California

SANTA ANA, Calif.—June 12, 2006 — Tenet California announced today that Jeff Flocken has been named Vice President of Operations. Tenet California comprises 17 acute care hospitals and one specialty hospital in California, and an academic medical center in Nebraska.

Flocken most recently served as interim president and chief executive officer for Catholic Healthcare West's Community Hospital of San Bernardino, and has a long and distinguished career as a leader in hospital and health networks in California. He will report to Stephen L. Newman, M.D., Tenet California's chief executive officer. Flocken will be based at the Tenet California regional office in Santa Ana.

"Jeff is an accomplished hospital executive with a stellar, well-deserved regional and national reputation, and he will be a tremendous asset in Tenet California's strategy for growth and development," Newman said.

Some of Flocken's responsibilities will include oversight and support of Tenet California's hospital operations, strategic planning, business development and growth and interface with our hospital Governing Boards and community leaders.

"I am positively thrilled about this new position," Flocken said, "Tenet California has a great team of very talented people in terrific hospitals, and I'm looking forward to working with them all."

Prior to his position with Catholic Healthcare West in 2005, Flocken spent eight years with the St. Joseph Health System in Orange, with six of those years as its chief operating officer. Previously, he was the president and chief executive officer at Northridge Hospital Medical Center in Northridge from 1989 to 1997. For three years during that period Flocken also served as the Medical Centers Division vice president for Northridge Hospital's parent company, Unihealth. From 1980 to 1989, he served in a number of capacities at that hospital including senior vice president and chief operating officer.

Flocken, 52, also has a distinguished history leading health care trade associations, serving on the boards of directors of the Healthcare Association of Southern California and the California Healthcare Association. His community service work also includes working as a board member on California's Maternal Outreach Management Services board of directors, and as a board member for the Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Northridge and a master's degree in public health and Hospital Administration from UCLA in 1978.

Tenet California, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 17 acute care hospitals in California and one in Nebraska. The region includes USC University Hospital, a renowned academic medical center in Los Angeles, and major urban and community hospitals that serve large and diverse populations in Southern, Northern and Central California. Tenet's hospitals aim to provide the best possible care to every patient who comes through their doors, with a clear focus on quality and service. Tenet can be found on the World Wide Web at www.tenethealth.com.

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[NOTE TO EDITORS: A digital photograph of Jeff Flocken is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]