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Joe Austin Named CEO of North Fulton Regional Hospital

DALLAS – Nov. 8, 2006 – Tenet Southern States announced today that L. Joe Austin has been named chief executive officer of Tenet’s North Fulton Regional Hospital, a 167-bed acute care facility located in Roswell, Ga. Austin most recently served as chief executive officer for Huntsville Hospital, a 558-bed hospital in Huntsville, Ala. Austin’s appointment is effective November 13, 2006.

“Joe is an exceptional hospital leader with more than 25 years of experience. He has proven to be an effective executive who is dedicated to quality patient care,” said John F. Holland, senior vice president, operations, Tenet Southern States Region. “He has a solid record of achievement that includes national recognition for excellence and quality improvement. We welcome his broad expertise in building centers of excellence.”

“I am pleased to join Tenet and North Fulton Regional Hospital as a member of the hospital’s leadership team,” said Austin. “North Fulton has an excellent reputation. I look forward to working with the physicians and staff members to better serve the growing communities in our area.”

Austin, 49, is a veteran hospital administrator. He is a certified health care executive and a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has served on several civic and health care-related boards and commissions in Alabama, including being appointed by the governor of

Alabama to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council of the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency. Under his leadership, Huntsville Hospital won multiple awards from third-party quality measurement groups such as HealthGrades, and has been listed as a Top 100 Hospital in America by HCIA-Sach's Institute for Orthopedics and a Top 50 Pediatric Hospital in America by Child Magazine.

Austin holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a master's degree in business administration from University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Tenet Southern States, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 12 acute care hospitals and outpatient imaging centers in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina with approximately 2,874 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes three acute care hospitals in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Tenet Southern States hospitals include Atlanta Medical Center, Brookwood Medical Center, Central Carolina Hospital, East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Frye Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head Regional Medical Center, North Fulton Regional Hospital, NorthShore Regional Medical Center, Piedmont Medical Center, South Fulton Medical Center, Spalding Regional Medical Center and Sylvan Grove Hospital. 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.tenehealth.com.

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