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## **Tenet Response to Action by Louisiana Attorney General**

**DALLAS - July 18, 2006** – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) issued the following statement in response to actions announced by Louisiana Atty. Gen. Charles G. Foti:

“We learned today that the Louisiana Attorney General has referred the findings of his investigation into Hurricane Katrina-related deaths at Memorial Medical Center and a separately licensed, independent operated long-term acute care facility on the Memorial campus to the New Orleans District Attorney. We also understand that the Attorney General has issued arrest warrants for one physician and two nurses, alleging that they may have administered pain medication that hastened the deaths of certain patients in the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina:

“If proven true, these allegations are very disturbing. Euthanasia is repugnant to everything we believe as ethical health care providers, and it violates every precept of ethical behavior and the law. It is never permissible under any circumstances.

“We strongly believe that the judicial process must run its course before any judgments can be made about what did or did not happen in the harrowing days after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. We have assisted the Louisiana attorney general in all aspects of his investigation. If the allegations are proven true, the doctor and nurses named by the attorney general made these decisions without the knowledge, approval or acquiescence of the hospital or their key physician leaders.

“We will never forget the courageous actions of many, many physicians and caregivers at Memorial Medical Center, who worked under incredibly difficult circumstances to care for and evacuate patients in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, with little or no help from local, state or federal authorities. More than 2,000 people, including nearly 300 patients, survived the natural disaster thanks to their bravery and dedication, and the assistance of people throughout Tenet.”

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related health care services. 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](http://www.tenethealth.com).

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