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Waters Named Finance VP for Tenet's Southern States Region

DALLAS – June 1, 2006 – Tenet's Southern States region announced today that Kristy Waters has been named vice president, operations finance, for the region. Tenet's Southern States region comprises 10 acute care hospitals in Alabama, Georgia and North and South Carolina.

Waters most recently served as senior vice president and chief financial officer for Tenet's Sierra Providence Health Network, a three hospital system in El Paso. She will report to John Holland, senior vice president for the Southern States region. Her office will be based in Dallas.

"Kristy is an accomplished hospital financial executive, she's a very strategic thinker, and she will be a tremendous asset in helping contribute to our regional growth strategy," Holland said.

Waters' responsibilities will include capital allocation, budgeting and planning for the region's hospitals, Holland said.

Waters had been chief financial officer at Sierra Providence Health Network since 2003. Previously, she was chief financial officer at Tenet's East Cooper Regional Medical Center in Mount Pleasant, S.C., from 1998 to 2003. Prior to that, she was chief financial officer for Bon Secours Health System in Venice, Fla., from 1997 to 1998 and vice president of finance and chief financial officer for Bon Secours-St. Francis Xavier Hospital in Charleston from 1993 to 1997. From 1983 to 1993, she served in a number of capacities at that hospital including assistant vice president for financial services.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from The College of Charleston and a master's in health administration from the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Tenet Southern States, a region of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), comprises 10 acute care hospitals in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina with approximately 2,685 beds and numerous related health care services. The region includes four hospitals in the greater Atlanta area, five in the Carolinas and one in Birmingham.

Tenet Southern States hospitals include Brookwood Medical Center in Alabama; Atlanta Medical Center, North Fulton Regional Hospital, South Fulton Medical Center and Spalding Regional Medical Center in Georgia; Central Carolina Hospital and Frye Regional Medical Center in North Carolina; and East Cooper Regional Medical Center, Hilton Head Regional Medical Center and Piedmont Medical Center in South Carolina. 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 Kristy Waters is available by email on request. Please call Valeria Wilkes in Tenet's Corporate Communications department at (469) 893-6114.]