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Tenet Names Deborah C. Keel CEO at North Fulton Regional Hospital

DALLAS – July 24, 2009 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) today announced that Deborah C. Keel has been named chief executive officer for North Fulton Regional Hospital, a 202-bed hospital located in Roswell, Ga., effective Sept. 1, 2009. Keel is an accomplished executive with more than 20 years of hospital experience.

“Debbie is an exceptional hospital leader with broad experience in healthcare. She is an effective executive who is dedicated to quality patient care,” said John F. Holland, senior vice president, operations, Tenet Southern States Region. “Debbie has a proven track record in hospital operations and development, which will assure that North Fulton Regional Hospital will continue its well-earned reputation for providing high quality care to its community.”

Keel most recently served as chief executive officer for Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center, a 400-bed hospital located in Fountain Valley, Calif. While at Fountain Valley, Keel was instrumental in establishing a neurosurgery program at the hospital. Keel’s leadership also led to numerous national recognitions for the hospital including Top 5 Percent for Clinical Excellence from HealthGrades, multiple recognitions for cardiovascular care by the American Heart Association’s Get With The Guidelines and designation as a Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center.

Before joining Fountain Valley, Keel served as vice president of operations for Tenet's California Region. She also served as chief executive officer at Kenner Regional Medical Center in Kenner, La.

Keel received a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in Columbia and a master's degree in public health from Tulane University in New Orleans.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, through its subsidiaries, owns and operates acute care hospitals and related ancillary health care businesses, which include ambulatory surgery centers and diagnostic imaging centers. Tenet's hospitals and related health care facilities are committed to providing high quality care to patients in the communities they serve. For more information, please visit www.tenethealth.com.

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Editors Note: For an electronic photo of Deborah Keel, please call 469-893-2640.