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Tenet Shareholders Elect Ten Directors

DALLAS – May 6, 2009 – Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC) announced today the results of voting at its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, held this morning in Dallas. A total of 439,019,750 shares were voted in person or by proxy, representing approximately 91.5 percent of total shares outstanding as of the record date of March 16, 2009. Ten directors were elected to one-year terms on the company's board. Those directors are: Gov. John Ellis "Jeb" Bush, Trevor Fetter, Brenda J. Gaines, Karen M. Garrison, Edward A. Kangas, Sen. J. Robert Kerrey, Floyd D. Loop, M.D., Richard R. Pettingill, James A. Unruh and J. McDonald Williams. In addition, shareholders ratified the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's independent registered public accountants for 2009. Shareholders voted against a shareholder proposal relating to peer benchmarking of executive compensation.

Directors received between 86.4 percent and 97.3 percent of favorable shareholder votes for election. Final results of the other items presented for shareholder vote, expressed as a percentage of shares voted, were as follows:

For the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP:

In favor — 97.1 percent Against — 2.9 percent

Against a shareholder proposal regarding peer benchmarking of executive compensation:

In favor — 14.5 percent Against — 85.5 percent

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 we serve. For more information, please visit www.tenethealth.com.

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