HCA Announces Retirement of Far West Division President Tom May

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 21 /PRNewswire/ -- HCA today announced that Far West Division President Tom May will retire effective June 2008. While his retirement is technically effective in the summer of 2008, the company expects to name a replacement soon to allow for a smooth fiscal year transition.

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As Far West Division President, May is responsible for HCA"s operations in Nevada, California and Alaska, which currently include nine hospitals with annual net revenues of $2 billion.

"Tom has had a great career with HCA," said Sam Hazen, President of HCA"s Western Group. "His leadership has been instrumental in the growth and development of hospitals in the far western communities we serve. Tom has demonstrated an uncanny ability to handle some very complex issues in hospitals in Alaska, California, Utah, Idaho and Nevada. We will miss him and wish him well in retirement."

May, 59, joined HCA in 1995 as CEO of the Good Samaritan Health System, when the company purchased the Los Gatos, Calif. not-for-profit health system and its three hospitals and various health services companies. In 1996 he was named President of the Northern California Division of HCA with responsibility for HCA"s facilities in San Jose, San Leandro, Sebastopol and Healdsburg. His role was expanded in 1997 when he became President of the Pacific Northwest division comprising the company"s hospitals in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. He became President of HCA"s Far West Division in October of 1997.

Before joining HCA, May was the President and CEO of the Institutional Services Division of UniHealth, Vice President of Operations of Paracelsus Healthcare, and Vice President, Hospitals and Health Service Company Operations at Greatwest Hospital, Inc. Before that, he held various management positions with National Medical Enterprises. He also served as a hospital CEO and CFO and held various financial positions in real estate development and mortgage banking.

May earned a master"s degree in business administration in management from the University of California, Irvine in 1976, and a bachelor of arts in social science from California State University, Northridge in 1970. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Past Chair of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California and of the Board of California Hospital Association (CHA). May serves the State of Nevada on two Governor-Appointed Commissions: the Healthy Nevada Task Force and the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices. He also serves on the National Advisory Board of Western Governors University.

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