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Hospital CEO Elected as Trustee of Statewide Association

MONTGOMERY – Jim Peace, president and CEO of Russell Medical Center in Alexander City, was recently elected to the board of the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA) at its annual meeting in Destin, Fla. Mr. Peace will serve as an at-large member of the board.

“Jim has been a long-time supporter of our association and Alabama’s health care industry, and he consistently demonstrates strong leadership,” said J. Michael Horsley, FACHE, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. “We are pleased to have him return as a board member.”

Peace joined Russell Medical Center in April 2007 as COO and was named president and CEO in February 2008. Prior to joining the Medical Center, he served for 13 years as CEO of Evergreen Medical Center and The Pines, a 14-bed psychiatric hospital located in Evergreen. Peace previously served as an administrator for Nashville-based Quorum Healthcare Resources and as vice president of Columbus Healthcare Resources Inc., a for-profit subsidiary of Columbus Regional Healthcare in GA.

A previous member of the Alabama Hospital Association Board, Peace was also a former regional council president and a member of numerous association committees. In addition to his involvement with the Alabama Hospital Association, his professional affiliations include the American College of Healthcare Executives, Alabama Diversified Health Services, Coastal Insurance Risk & Retention Group and Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s Hospital Advisory Board.

A community leader, Peace serves on the boards of Lake Martin Economic Development Alliance, Gateway Foundation and ARISE, Inc., and he is campaign chairman of the United Way of Lake Martin. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Alexander City.

The Alabama Hospital Association, based in Montgomery, is a statewide trade organization that represents more than 100 hospitals and numerous other health care providers by offering membership services designed to enhance the provision of health care in Alabama.