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## St. Luke's Health System Announces Selection of New President and CEO

**Boise, ID** (June 15, 2009) – Officials from St. Luke's Health System announced today that after an extensive search process they have selected a new President and CEO for the Idaho-based not-for-profit health system. David C. Pate, M.D., J.D., 52, will join the organization in September and will replace Ed Dahlberg who plans to retire this coming March after 25 years of service.

Following the announcement last fall of Dahlberg's plans to retire, St. Luke's formed an Executive Transition Committee to help facilitate the recruitment of his replacement. This group, as well as members of the various St. Luke's hospital boards, physicians, administrative staff, and community representatives participated in the 8-month search. There was significant national interest in this position and the Executive Transition Committee reviewed a number of extremely qualified candidates prior to making its final selection.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming David and his wife Lynette to Idaho," stated Larry Cope, chairman of St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors. "In the time I have spent with him, I have found him to be personable, thoughtful, and genuine. He clearly has the credentials, skills, and experience to successfully lead St. Luke's in the complex and evolving health care environment. We believe we have made a very good choice and we are so pleased David has made the decision to join us. "

"I am extremely honored, and Lynette and I are very excited about joining St. Luke's Health System," said Dr. Pate. "St. Luke's is a very strong and progressive health system that is doing great things for the communities it serves. I have been impressed with its wonderful culture, caring and committed employees, very engaged board members, outstanding physicians, and high quality care. The pride and commitment of everyone I met was quite evident. I look forward to working together with the medical staffs and employees to continue to fulfill St. Luke's mission and vision."

Dr. Pate has spent his career in Texas. After a distinguished career as a practicing General Internal Medicine specialist, Dr. Pate turned his talents to hospital administration beginning in 1995. During his career, Dr. Pate developed an interest in the law and received his J.D. in 1996 from the University of Houston Law Center, in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Pate has demonstrated success in leading hospital organizations as well as significant health system experience. His leadership has been recognized through numerous industry awards, accomplishments, and speaking opportunities. Dr. Pate joins St. Luke's from his concurrent positions as Chief Executive Officer, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital (no affiliation), and Senior Vice President, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System in Houston, Texas.

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**Editor's Note**

Additional background information about Dr. Pate is available at <http://www.stlukesonline.org/news/releases/documents/Patebio.pdf>

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