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CHA to Celebrate 98th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association will hold its 98th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. This year's theme, *Connecticut Hospitals: Standing Up for Communities, Caring for Patients, Fighting for Fairness – Every Day, Every Hospital*, reflects the fact that we must continue to stand united in our advocacy, while fulfilling our core mission to provide accessible, equitable, and affordable quality healthcare to all.

The meeting will feature CHA's annual awards, including the Connecticut's Healthcare Heroes Awards, the AHA Grassroots Champion Award, the Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award, and the John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data.

Jon Meacham, Presidential Historian, Pulitzer Prize-winner, and Contributing Editor at *TIME*, will be the keynote speaker. A regular guest on Morning Joe, he is known as a skilled raconteur with a depth of knowledge about politics, religion, history, and current affairs, sharing insights on how issues and events impact our lives. Mr. Meacham's most recent Presidential biography, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list in November 2015. His #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, was hailed as "masterful and intimate" by *Fortune* magazine. His other national bestsellers include *Franklin and Winston*, *American Gospel*, and *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009.

Mr. Meacham is Executive Vice President and Executive Editor at the Random House Publishing Group. He served as *Newsweek's* Managing Editor and then Editor from 1998 to 2010. He is now a contributing editor at *TIME*. Named a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum, Mr. Meacham is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a fellow of the Society of American Historians, and chairs the National Advisory Board of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.