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## CHA to Hold 99th Annual Meeting on June 14

WALLINGFORD – The Connecticut Hospital Association will hold its 99th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. This year's theme, *Connecticut Hospitals: Building a Healthier Connecticut*, reflects hospitals' 2017 advocacy focus on building a healthier state – with healthier people, healthier communities, and a healthier economy that comes from a strong hospital and healthcare sector.

The meeting will feature CHA's annual awards, including the John D. Thompson Award for Excellence in the Delivery of Healthcare Through the Use of Data, the Connecticut's Hospital Community Service Award, the T. Stewart Hamilton, MD, Distinguished Service Award, the AHA Grassroots Champion Award, and the recognition of 12 Healthcare Heroes.

Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* columnist and MSNBC analyst Eugene Robinson will deliver the keynote address. Mr. Robinson is on the front lines of news coverage every day. His twice-weekly column is syndicated in 145 newspapers across the nation. In his three decades at the *Washington Post*, Mr. Robinson has been city hall reporter, city editor, foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and London, foreign editor, and assistant managing editor in charge of the paper's award winning Style section. Mr. Robinson's remarkable storytelling ability has won him wide acclaim, most notably as the winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for his commentary on the 2008 presidential race.

CHA gratefully acknowledges the generous Annual Meeting sponsorship of our Platinum Sponsors, Wiggin and Dana, SKD Knickerbocker, PatientPing, and Berkeley Research Group.

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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.