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**Merrick Resident and Long Beach Medical Center CEO
Elected Chair of Long Island Hospital Association**

(Hauppauge, NY . . . June 21,2010) Merrick, New York resident and CEO of Long Beach Medical Center Douglas Melzer was named chairman of the board of directors of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC), the association that represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals. The two-year term expires June 2012. The CEOs from each of the member hospitals comprise the board of directors.

Melzer has an extensive background in health care operations and management. Prior to being named CEO of Long Beach Medical Center in 2000, he served as the hospital's chief operating officer for 20 years. He previously worked at the Department of Health for New York City.

He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and has served as chairman of the Continuing Health Services Committee of the Healthcare Association of New York State. Melzer holds an MBA from Wagner College and has served as a clinical instructor in the Graduate School of Public Administration at New York University and a Preceptor in the School of Healthcare Policy at Pennsylvania State University.

"I am honored to assume the chairmanship of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council," said Melzer. "I look forward to working closely with my colleagues, representing all of the hospitals on Long Island, to advance the mission of the Council and in so doing the missions of its member hospitals."

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