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Helena Regional Medical Center Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

Helena Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that Jim Sato has been appointed chief executive officer.

Sato brings more than 35 years of healthcare experience to the position. He most recently served as chief executive officer at Modoc Medical Center in Alturas, California. Prior to that, he served as the chief executive officer at Palm Drive District Hospital in Sebastopol, California. Sato received his bachelor's degree and a master in public health at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and has been a member of the American Public Health Association for over thirty years.

“We are thrilled to have the benefit of Jim’s strong leadership as we continue building meaningful relationships with our employees, medical staff and community,” said Bettye Hendrix, chairman of the hospital’s board of directors. “His depth of knowledge and experience will be an asset to Helena Regional Medical Center and our patients.”

“I look forward to getting to know the board, medical staff and employees at Helena Regional Medical Center,” said Sato. “I am impressed with the community and I am excited to accept this position.”

Helena Regional Medical Center, originally opened in 1909, has moved and grown over the years into a 125,000-square foot square facility, located on highway 49. With specialized equipment, the skilled and quality staff of Helena Regional Medical Center has more than 50 physicians serving over 60,000 people in the area.