



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **KEN JOHNSON AWARDED FOR HIS FEDERAL AND STATE EFFORTS**

The American Hospital Association, in partnership with the Kansas Hospital Association, awarded Ken Johnson, President and CEO of Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, with the [American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award](#). As the 2018 *Grassroots Champion* from Kansas, Johnson was recognized for his exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of his hospital's mission. AHA awards one individual from each state who is especially effective in state and federal advocacy.

The *Grassroots Champion Award* was created to recognize those hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital, and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

On both the state and federal level, Johnson has earned the respect and reputation of being one of Kansas' most effective advocates for hospitals. He has a keen sense of what is important and how to communicate an effective advocacy message.

#### **About the KHA**

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 221 member facilities, of which 124 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

**About the AHA**

The American Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 43,000 individual members. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends.

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