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John E. Maupin Jr., D.D.S., M.B.A.

Dr. John Maupin is the fifth president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and has more than 30 years of experience in health-care administration, public health and academic medicine. As a health-care leader, public policy expert and dental practitioner, he has created a legacy rooted in his passion for improving the health and well-being of underserved individuals and communities.

A native of Los Angeles, CA, Maupin received his undergraduate training at San Jose State College and earned a D.D.S. degree in 1972 from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. The following year he completed a general dentistry residency at Provident Hospital in Baltimore, MD, and subsequently received an M.B.A. degree in 1979 from Loyola College in Baltimore.

Prior to joining MSM on July 1, 2006, Maupin served as president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, for 12 years, where he was the first alumnus and the second dentist to lead the institution. Under his leadership, Meharry experienced many significant achievements, most notably expansion of clinical affiliations anchored by the relocation of the city's public hospital, Nashville General, to its campus; creation of a nationally acclaimed alliance with Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and the establishment of signature research programs in cancer, unintentional injury, HIV/AIDS and women's health.

Maupin is no stranger to MSM, having served as executive vice president and chief operating officer from 1989 to 1994. Additionally, during his tenure he served as executive director of Morehouse Medical Associates, the school's faculty practice plan. Maupin also was one of the visionaries in the conceptualization of the school's National Center for Primary Care. From 1987 to 1989, Maupin served as chief executive officer of Southside Healthcare, Inc. in Atlanta, GA, one of the largest federally qualified community health centers in the southeastern United States and a clinical training site for MSM students and residents. In Baltimore, Maupin held leadership positions in the Baltimore City Health Department, first serving as assistant commissioner for Clinical Services from 1981 to 1984 where he was responsible for the divisions of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Acute Communicable Diseases and Tuberculosis Control, and the Bureau of Dental Care. In 1984, he was promoted to the position of deputy commissioner for medical services, assuming administrative responsibility for all public health programs of the department, including Clinical Services, Environmental Health, Aging and Community Health, Maternal and Child Health, and Health Policy and Planning.

Maupin began his career in health-care administration as dental director with the West Baltimore Community Health Center in 1976. Additionally, he maintained a part-time general dentistry practice while in Baltimore. He also was a career dental officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring in 1996 with more than 28 years of service, including two years of active duty at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and nine months of active duty service during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

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He has a distinguished record as a health policy expert and adviser, having recently been appointed to the National Health Care Workforce Commission. In 1984, Maupin was elected President of the National Dental Association and he is past President of the Association of Minority Health Profession Schools. He has also served on numerous scientific advisory panels, most notably, the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Infectious Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the National Advisory Dental Research Council of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health (NIH); and the National Advisory Research Resources Council of the National Center for Research Resources, NIH.

Maupin is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors and currently serves on the board of directors of LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., a non-urban, acute-care hospital management company; HealthSouth, Inc., a national rehabilitative health-care services management company; and Regions Financial Corporation, a regional multi-bank holding company.

Actively engaged in the community, Maupin serves on the boards of the Grady Hospital Corporation; Georgia Cancer Coalition; and the Greater Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of 100 Black Men of America (Atlanta), the Rotary Club International (downtown Atlanta), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Prior to relocating to Atlanta, he served as chairman of the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, the North Nashville Community Development Corporation and the United Way of Middle Tennessee.

Among his numerous honors and awards, Dr. Maupin received an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1995 from Morehouse School of Medicine, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1996 from Virginia Union University, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Morehouse College in 2007. He also holds membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honorary Society. In 2003, he was named "Father of the Year" by the American Diabetes Association of Middle Tennessee. In 2005, the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America honored him with its Silver Beaver Award for "distinguished service to youth" and the National Conference for Community and Justice-Nashville Region presented him with its "Human Relations Award." He was presented with the National Dental Association's highest honor in 2006 — its inaugural Trail Blazer Award for his "exemplary service and contributions to the profession, underserved communities, and humanity." Additionally, in 2010 he was inducted into the National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Hall of Fame for his contributions and achievements in the field of medicine

Most of all, Maupin is a devoted husband and proud father.