

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-52**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, APPOINTING JOSE SERPA ALVAREZ, MD, MS, PHD, AS THE SMITH COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR DONALD P. WARREN TO SIGN THE REQUIRED STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the City Council to promote the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to an authorized Cooperative Agreement between the City of Tyler and Smith County, both entities are operating members of the Northeast Texas Public Health District (aka NET Health and herein referred to as "District"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Cooperative Agreement states that the Chief Operating Officer of the District shall appoint the Smith County Local Health Authority per Chapter 121 of the Texas Health and Safety Code with the approval of the District's Board of Health, the City of Tyler, and Smith County; and

**WHEREAS,** the former Smith County Local Health Authority has resigned, and it is necessary to appoint a replacement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Health Authority shall be a physician appointed to administer state and local laws related to public health within the District's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** the Local Health Authority shall serve a term of two years and may be appointed to serve successive terms; and

**WHEREAS,** the District's Chief Executive Officer proposes, and the Board of Health has approved, the appointment of Jose Serpa Alvarez, MD, MS, PHD, as the Smith County Local Health Authority for a two-year term effective October 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** state law and the Cooperative Agreement require that the City of Tyler approve this appointment and that Mayor Warren sign the State of Texas Certificate of Appointment;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:**

**PART 1.** That the City Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the Northeast Texas Public Health District Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Health to approve the appointment of Jose Serpa Alvarez, MD, MS, PHD, as the Smith County Local Health Authority for an initial two-year term commencing October 1, 2025.

**PART 2.** That Mayor Warren is hereby authorized to sign the required Certificate of Appointment for a Local Health Authority.

**PART 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the 24th day of September, 2025.



DONALD P. WARREN, MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



DEBORAH G. PULLUM, CITY ATTORNEY

