

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #23-08**

RE: REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SPOKANE COUNTY TO (1) REAPPOINT THE EXISTING APPOINTED NON-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD TO ANOTHER TWO YEAR TERM; (2) EXPAND THE MAKEUP OF THE SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE ALL FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; (3) REMOVE THE CITY/TOWN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF HEALTH; (4) ADD ONE (1) ADDITIONAL APPOINTED MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND (5) MAKE A REQUEST TO THE APPROPRIATE TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE TO APPOINT A TRIBAL MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

WHEREAS, the 2021 Washington State Legislature under E2SHB 1152 enacted legislation addressing the composition and appointments to local boards of health; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners for Spokane County (BOCC) passed Resolution No. 21-0791 which established an eight (8) member board of health for Spokane Regional Health District (SRHDBOH), consisting of three (3) members of the county legislative authority, one (1) member who is an elected official from a city/town within Spokane County, three (3) members who are not elected officials and who are appointed by a majority vote of the BOCC and who represent each of the following categories (in summary): providers of public health services, consumers of public health services and community stakeholders, and one (1) tribal representative; and

WHEREAS, the SRHDBOH currently has seven (7) members, as the tribal authorities have not designated the tribal representative despite being requested to do so, including a written request from the BOCC to the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State as documented in Clerk's Minutes No. 22-0079; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70.46.031 provides that the county legislative authority is authorized to specify the membership of the SRHDBOH so long as elected members do not constitute a majority of the SRHDBOH; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC has been expanded from three (3) members to five (5); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Spokane Regional Health District to have all five (5) of the County Commissioners serve on its Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, due to the expansion of the BOCC from three (3) commissioners to five (5) commissioners, there is no need for a City/Town representative; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 22-0083 passed February 8, 2022, the BOCC made initial appointments to the SRHDBOH of the three non-elected, non-tribal, members for the term of February 8, 2022 through January 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70.46.031 provides that the elected officials may not constitute a majority of the SRHDBOH, and if there are five (5) elected County Commissioners there must be at least five (5) members who are not elected officials and there are currently only three (3) appointed members and the vacant tribal position.

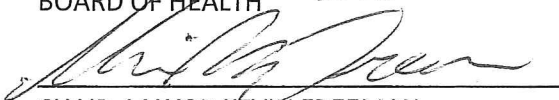
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH that the Board of County Commissioners for Spokane County is requested to: *consider* :

1. Reappoint the non-elected appointees serving on the SRHDBOH to an additional two-year term to end on January 31, 2026.
2. Expand the SRHDBOH to include all five (5) members of the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Remove the City/Town elected representative position from the Board of Health.

4. Expand the SRHDBOH to add one (1) additional non-elected position and appoint an individual into that position in accordance with RCW 70.46.031.
5. Send a formal written request to the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State or other appropriate tribal body requesting a designee for the tribal position on the SRHDBOH.

Signed this 26th day of October 2023 in Spokane, Washington.

SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF HEALTH



CHAIR, MAYOR KEVIN FREEMAN



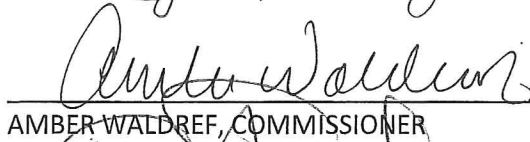
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MARY KUNEY, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT

ALYCIA POLICANI, ND, BOARD MEMBER

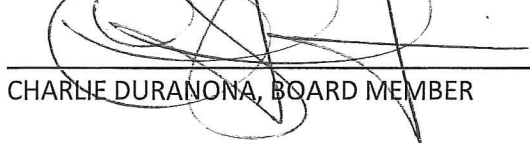


AMBER WALDREF, COMMISSIONER



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CHRISTOPHER PATTERSON, BOARD MEMBER



CHARLIE DURANONA, BOARD MEMBER