

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPOINTING A HEALTH AUTHORITY AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE ABILENE-TAYLOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT REGION.**

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health Reorganization Act, Chapter 121, Texas Health and Safety Code provides that a governing body of a municipality or the commissioner's court of a county may enforce any law that is reasonably necessary to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Texas and Taylor County, Texas, have created the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District to provide public health services in this region; and

WHEREAS, a Health Authority is a physician appointed under the terms of the Local Public Health Reorganization Act to administer state and local laws relating to public health within the appointing body's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a Health Authority must be a competent physician with a reputable professional standing who is legally qualified to practice medicine in the state of Texas, and be a resident of the state of Texas, and

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

WHEREAS, Section 121.003, Health and Safety Code, provides that a governing body of a municipality or the commissioner's court of a county shall also appoint the Director of the local health department; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Director serves as the chief administrative officer of the local health department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Norton has served as the Health Authority and as the Medical Director for the proceeding two year term and has agreed to continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Norton meets the qualifications to be appointed as the Health Authority and as the Medical Director of the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:**


PART 1. That Dr. Peter Norton is appointed as the Health Authority for the region covered by the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District, and shall serve a term of two years.


PART 2. That Dr. Peter Norton is appointed as the Medical Director for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District.

PART 3. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

ATTEST:

  
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Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

  
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Norm Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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City Attorney