SBDE NO. 2024-00595

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IN THE MATTER OF

MARIA MARMOLEJO, RDA

BOARD OF

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

DENTAL EXAMINERS

BEFORE THE STATE

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

On September 4, 2024, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) proposes this Cease and Desist Order (Order) against MARIA MARMOLEJO, RDA.

The Board has received information and possesses certain evidence indicating that Maria Marmolejo has violated provisions of the Dental Practice Act (the Act), codified at Tex. Occ. Code §§ 251 through 257

Failure to file a written request for a hearing on this Order prior to October 4, 2024, will render this Order immediately effective and non-appealable in accordance with Tex. Occ. Code § 264.0525(b).

Pursuant to authority granted at Tex. Occ. Code § 264.0525, the Board finds and issues the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

During the time period from November 2, 2023, through the present, Maria Marmolejo, RDA, engaged in the unlicensed practice of dentistry. Specifically, she placed braces on a minor patient's teeth without holding a dental license. This conduct constitutes the unlicensed practice of dentistry, as defined by Tex. Occ. Code § 251.003, and is a violation of Tex. Occ. Code § 256.001 and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

MARIA MARMOLEJO, RDA **CEASE AND DESIST** from any further action in the state of Texas in connection with the unlicensed practice of dentistry.

Signed this 4th day of September, 2024.

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Casey Nichols Executive Director Texas State Board of Dental Examiners