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Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have signed Enrolled House Bill 5882, which authorizes expenditures by the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. I have, however, have disapproved several items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The item vetoes are detailed in the attached copy of the bill, which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

This bill appropriates nearly \$7 billion in total funding, representing a large increase over fiscal year 2010, largely because of dramatic growth in the 100% federally funded food assistance program caseload. It also includes adequate funding to support the department's child welfare improvement efforts and critical public assistance programs.

However, the enrolled bill contains funding for a number of program enhancements that were not included in my Executive Recommendation and that I do not support.

I have disapproved the following proposed appropriations that earmark funding for special projects that cannot be supported while other critical programs are being reduced: Sections 423(1), 423(3), 587, 676, 683, and 1104.

I have disapproved the proposed appropriations in Sections 288, 573 and 581 for increased provider payments as they cannot be sustained given our challenging fiscal situation.

I have disapproved Section 696 as the funding appropriated is not sufficient to support programming.

To provide direction regarding the implementation of this appropriations act, I note the following:

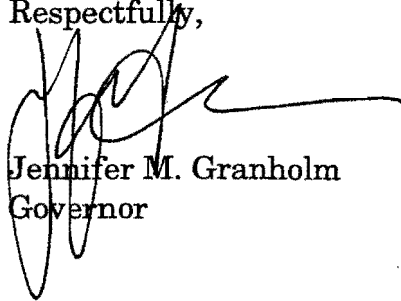
- Section 691: To the extent that this section attempts to amend the Social Welfare Act without republication, it violates Section 25 of

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Article IV of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and is unenforceable. Further the added provision for public assistance eligibility specified in the section violates federally established requirements for food assistance program eligibility and cannot be implemented.

I appreciate the effort it has taken to create this budget, even though I disagree with certain provisions. Thank you for presenting me with this budget.

Respectfully,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

cc: Michigan State Senate
The Honorable Terri Lynn Land