

**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE  
**Governor of the State of Texas**

41-3196

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2888 as passed by the Eighty-first Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2888 would take funds away from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to fund a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance grant program to be administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Taking TANF dollars away from their intended purpose of serving clients to fund this program is unnecessary. These funds should be used to benefit people, not create more government bureaucracy.

Furthermore, tax assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit education programs are already provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas' 28 local workforce development boards, and numerous nonprofit organizations and community centers.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 2009.

*Rick Perry*  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Coby Shorter, III*  
COBY SHORTER, III  
Deputy Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2 PM O'CLOCK

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