



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida businesses continued to grow throughout the past year, adding more than 237,000 new jobs in 2016. Over the last six years, we've worked each day to make it easier for job creators to invest and create new opportunities in our state, and we will continue to do everything we can to help Florida outcompete other locations as the best place for jobs. Today, as we proudly welcome a new president who will make job creation a top priority across our nation, we stand ready to fight for another great year of economic growth in Florida.

Here are some other points you can share about Florida's economy with your friends and family:

- Private-sector industries with the highest job growth over the year in December were:
 - Leisure and hospitality with 53,100 new jobs,
 - Education and health services with 46,800 new jobs,
 - Professional and business services with 46,200 new jobs, and
 - Trade, transportation and utilities with 35,600 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 254,587 openings in December 2016, a 4.2 percent increase over the previous month.
- In December, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 30,084 Floridians, including 1,444 veterans, were placed in jobs.

We want Florida to become the top destination for business growth and new opportunities, and we will continue to do all we can to help Florida compete in the global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor