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Dear Fellow Floridians:

Today we made another exciting announcement on job growth in our state. Since December 2010, Florida businesses have created more than 807,000 private-sector jobs. More opportunities are becoming available for families every month, and more than 14,000 private-sector jobs were created in February 2015 alone. We were also proud to announce that Florida's unemployment rate has dropped to 5.6 percent.

With more job openings, declining unemployment rate, and the addition of 807,100 private-sector jobs, it is clear that Florida is continuing to move in the right direction. Here are some other points you can share with your friends and family:

More Floridians Getting Back to Work

- Florida's unemployment rate has declined or held steady for 53 consecutive months.
- Florida's private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 40 consecutive months.
- Florida has created 807,100 new private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Florida job postings compiled by the Help Wanted OnLine data series from The Conference Board showed 292,249 openings in February 2015.

Home Sales Robust

- Home sales remain robust as the backlog of existing homes on the market is down by 32.5 percent from December 2011 (Florida Realtors).
- Florida median home prices were up 9.1 percent over the year in February 2015.
- Florida building permits were up 1.6 percent over the year in January 2015.

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Workforce Boards Assisting in Employment

- In February, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 35,900 Floridians were placed in jobs. An individual who receives employment and training assistance through a CareerSource Center and finds a job within 180 days is deemed a placement and may be reported by a regional workforce board. Of these individuals, 6,944 previously received Reemployment Assistance.
- In 2014, 470,534 individuals were placed into jobs through the regional workforce board, including more than 23,986 veterans.

We are working everyday to make Florida the global destination for jobs so every family has the opportunity to succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

Rick Scott
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