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GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridians:

Today we were excited to announce that Florida business created more than 29,000 jobs in the month of March, which brings our statewide total to 841,100 private-sector jobs created since December 2010. Florida has now recovered all of the private-sector jobs lost from 2006-2010, and surpassed the previous peak private-sector employment in March 2007.

This incredible growth in our state means more opportunities for Floridians to find jobs and provide for their families. 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 54 consecutive months.
- Florida's private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 41 consecutive months.
- Florida has created 841,100 new private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Florida job postings compiled by the Help Wanted OnLine data series from The Conference Board showed 289,986 openings in March 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 14.7 percent over the year in February 2015.

Workforce Boards Assisting in Employment

- In March, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 37,457 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, 6,794 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 will keep doing everything we can to make Florida the number one destination for jobs.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor