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GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridians:

Today's announcement of nearly 900,000 new private sector jobs in just four and a half years is great news. Since December 2010, Florida businesses have created over 896,900 jobs, and the state's unemployment rate has fallen to 5.5 percent – the lowest rate since March 2008.

We have cut taxes 50 times – including \$400 million in tax cuts this year – and we will keep working to create an environment where more businesses can expand and grow in Florida so families have more opportunities to succeed in the Sunshine State.

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

More Floridians Getting Back to Work

- Florida's private-sector job growth month-to-month has been positive for 44 consecutive months.
- Industries gaining the most jobs in June were trade, transportation, and utilities with 11,000 new jobs, education and health services with 5,200 new jobs, and leisure and hospitality with 2,800 new jobs.
- Florida has created 896,900 new private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Florida job postings compiled by Help Wanted OnLine from The Conference Board showed 273,134 openings in June 2015.

Home Sales Robust

- Florida's housing market reported more closed sales, higher median prices, and increased pending sales in May, according to the latest housing data released by Florida Realtors®.
- Florida median home prices were up 11.1 percent over the year in May 2015.
- Florida building permits were up 10.5 percent over the year in May 2015.

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Workforce Boards Assisting in Employment

- In June, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported more than 33,200 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, 5,788 previously received Reemployment Assistance.
- In 2014, 470,534 individuals were placed into jobs through the regional workforce board, including more than 23,986 veterans.

It is clear that our policies of cutting taxes and reducing regulations are helping business succeed. We will remain laser-focused on creating opportunities so every Floridian can find a job and provide for their families.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
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