



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

PAYCHECKS FOR PATRIOTS

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is recognized as one of the most military and veteran friendly states in the nation, with more than 1.5 million veterans living in Florida; and

WHEREAS, November 11 is nationally observed as Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Florida's workforce system, consisting of the Department of Economic Opportunity, CareerSource Florida, and the 24 regional CareerSource Florida boards operating more than 100 career centers statewide, is committed to providing employment services and support to veterans, National Guard members, Reservists, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Florida's annual Paychecks for Patriots career fair events facilitate employment for hundreds of Florida veterans across the state each year; and

WHEREAS, veteran employment representatives in the Florida workforce system helped more than 19,600 veterans successfully find employment during the past year; and


WHEREAS more than 13,668 veterans have been placed in jobs since January 1, 2016, by these veteran employment representatives; and

WHEREAS, today's veterans offer Florida's businesses a multitude of benefits such as competent skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication learned in military service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all celebrating *Paychecks for Patriots* during the week of November 7-11, 2016, in an effort to promote the availability of Florida's talented, well-trained veterans to Florida's employers, increase Florida's visibility as the nation's most military-friendly state and encourage employers to hire smart – hire a veteran.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this second day of November, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor