



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

March 12, 2018

Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida businesses kicked off 2018 by creating more than 10,000 new jobs for families across the state in January. Each new job means a family is able to provide for themselves and continue to succeed in our state. That is why we have worked nonstop to make Florida more business friendly by reducing burdensome regulations and cutting taxes. This includes putting a constitutional amendment on the 2018 ballot that will make it harder for politicians to raise taxes on future generations so our progress cannot be undone. We look forward to seeing the many more opportunities that will be created throughout the year as more job creators choose to grow in Florida.

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

- Private-sector industries gaining the most jobs over-the-year were:
 - Professional and business services with 36,000 new jobs;
 - Leisure and hospitality with 32,400 new jobs;
 - Construction with 28,600 new jobs;
 - Education and health services with 17,100 new jobs; and
 - Financial activities with 15,000 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 261,619 openings in January 2018.
- Florida's housing market also remains strong as median home prices rose \$20,000 across the state in the last year. The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes in January 2018 was \$240,000, up from the previous year's median price of \$220,000. The increase in home prices and the number of homes sold resulted in an additional \$500 million in home sales, up 10.9 percent from January 2017.

We are excited to continue making Florida the best place in the nation for residents and businesses to thrive.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor