



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida businesses have created more than 60,000 jobs in 2017, and our job growth rate has exceeded the nation's rate for five consecutive years. Florida's economy is on a roll, and now is not the time to let up. Enterprise Florida and VISIT FLORIDA have played a big role in growing our economy, and efforts in the Florida House to decimate these jobs programs will severely impact efforts for businesses to create jobs. I urge the Florida Legislature to finalize a budget that fully funds Enterprise Florida and includes \$100 million for VISIT FLORIDA to market our state so we can ensure Florida remains the best place for businesses and families to succeed.

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:
 - Education and health services with 44,300 new jobs;
 - Professional and business services with 43,500 new jobs; and
 - Trade, transportation and utilities with 40,300 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 242,579 openings in March 2017.
- In March, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 26,844 Floridians, including 1,601 veterans, were placed in jobs.

This growth sends a message across the entire country that Florida is the best place for businesses to invest and for families to find opportunities to succeed.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor