



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

June 16, 2017

Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida's unemployment rate has dropped to a nearly 10-year low and that nearly 22,000 jobs were created across our state last month. We are competing against other states and nations for new jobs, and I am proud that we were able to establish the \$85 million Florida Job Growth Grant Fund during the recent special session. This flexible, transparent economic development program will promote public infrastructure and individual job training in order to encourage more businesses to grow and invest in our state. Florida has had a lot of success, and I appreciate the Florida Legislature for supporting important investments like the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund so we can make Florida the best place for families and job creators to succeed for future generations.

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 52,900 new jobs;
  - Leisure and hospitality with 34,900 new jobs;
  - Education and health services with 34,400 new jobs;
  - Construction with 31,000 new jobs; and
  - Trade, transportation and utilities with 30,900 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 255,858 openings in May 2017.
- In May, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 28,671 Floridians, including 1,551 veterans, were placed in jobs.

We know the difference that a job can make in a family's life and that is why we will continue to fight each day to make it easier for Florida businesses to grow and create new opportunities across our state.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott  
Governor