



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR

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Dear Fellow Floridian:

I am proud to announce that Florida's unemployment rate is at a 10-year low and that nearly 14,000 jobs were created for families across the state last month. As we near the end of the year, it is important to reflect on how far our state has come and how we must continue to fight every day to build on this success. Over the past seven years, we have turned around Florida's economy which has allowed us to make record investments in education, transportation and environmental protection. I look forward to kicking off 2018 by working to continue cutting taxes, supporting job creation and education opportunities, and doing all we can to help secure Florida's future for every family. Florida is a national leader in job creation and the rest of the nation should follow our lead.

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:
 - Construction with 41,800 new jobs;
 - Professional and business services with 41,000 new jobs;
 - Trade, transportation and utilities with 33,500 new jobs;
 - Financial activities with 15,500 new jobs; and
 - Education and health services with 15,200 new jobs.
- Florida job postings showed 254,611 openings in November 2017.
- In November, Florida's 24 regional workforce boards reported 16,990 Floridians, including 944 veterans, were placed in jobs.

Every job created is an opportunity for a Floridian to achieve their dreams and we will continue to work each day to secure a strong future for our state.

Sincerely,

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

Rick Scott
Governor