November 16, 2018

Dear Fellow Floridian:

Over the last eight years, we have recovered from a recession and rebuilt a strong and resilient economy that attracts businesses from all industries to create great jobs for Floridians. Every Floridian can be proud of our state’s incredible success, which has now driven down unemployment to just 3.4 percent – the lowest it has been since January 2007. Today, with more than 1.64 million jobs created since December 2010, we all see the importance of continuing to cut taxes and attract companies to Florida so people can live their dreams and support their families in the Sunshine State.

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:
  o Education and health services with 51,300 new jobs;
  o Leisure and hospitality with 51,100 new jobs;
  o Construction with 43,400 new jobs;
  o Professional and business services with 30,100 new jobs;
  o Trade, transportation, and utilities with 25,300 new jobs; and
  o Financial activities with 16,700 new jobs.
• Florida job postings showed 226,300 openings in October 2018.
• Consumer Sentiment Index is 97.8, up from 70.2 in December 2010.

We’ll never stop fighting for job creation and making Florida the best place for every family to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor