



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, meaningful employment is important to Floridians living their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Florida's workforce system including CareerSource Florida, Enterprise Florida, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 24 local workforce development boards, and nearly 100 career centers are committed to providing exemplary career training and employment assistance to more than 1 million individuals and nearly 81,000 employers annually; and

WHEREAS, Florida's families continue to thrive and are back to work which is evident in the numbers: Florida's unemployment rate has dropped 6 percentage points since December 2010, to 4.7 percent as of July 2016, Florida has added more than 1.1 million private sector jobs that have contributed to a positive annual job growth rate higher than most large states, and job demand remains near record levels with more than 253,000 job openings monthly; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2016, Florida has gained jobs over the month for 61 consecutive months, and Florida's annual job growth rate has exceeded the nation's since April 2012; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott and the dedicated professionals within the state workforce system are committed to joining employers with qualified, skilled talent and Floridians with employment and career development opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2016 as *Workforce Development Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 29th day of August, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor