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District 9

Friends,

My staff and I would like to extend our well wishes to you and your family as we celebrate the holiday season and the new year.

If I haven't had the chance to meet you in person yet, I hope that will change soon. Feel free to get ahold of me anytime should you need assistance or have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry



STATE NEWS



Governor DeSantis Signs Legislation to Overhaul Florida's Insurance Market and Address Other Key issues



SB 2A
Improving The Property Insurance Marketplace For Homeowners

- BUILDING ON PRIOR REFORMS TO STABILIZE FLORIDA'S PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET
- SHORING UP STATE-RUN CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE TO REDUCE TAXPAYER LIABILITY
- PROMPT PAY LAW, STREAMLINING CLAIM NOTICE/INVESTIGATION TO BENEFIT CONSUMERS
- INCREASING INSURER TRANSPARENCY TO IMPROVE THE MARKETPLACE FOR CONSUMERS

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SB 4A
Recovering and Rebuilding From Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

- TAX RELIEF FOR DESTROYED HOMES
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED FLORIDIANS
- RECONSTRUCTING IMPACTED BEACHES AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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SB 6A
Toll Savings For Florida's Families

- \$500 MILLION IN TOLL CREDITS
- REDUCING THE COST OF GETTING TO AND FROM WORK
- STATEWIDE SAVINGS FOR COMMUTERS

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Florida's Unemployment Rate Drops to 2.6 Percent, Job Growth Rate Exceeds Nation's for 20th Consecutive Month



Florida's unemployment rate dropped to 2.6 percent – the lowest among the nation's top ten largest states and 1.1 percent lower than the nation's. November marks two consecutive years (24 straight months) that Florida's unemployment rate has remained below the nation's. Florida also continued to exceed the national job growth rate for the 20th consecutive month in November, 2022.

Florida Economic Indicators for November 2022 include:

- Unemployment rate is 2.6 percent, 0.1 percent lower than the previous month's rate and 1.1 percent lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent.
- Florida's statewide unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate for 24 consecutive months since December 2020.
- Between November 2021 and November 2022, Florida's labor force grew by 352,000, or 3.4 percent. This was faster than the national labor force growth rate of 1.5 percent over the year.
- Between November 2021 and November 2022, total private sector employment grew by 420,700 jobs (+5.2 percent), faster than the national private sector job growth rate of 3.6 percent over the year.
- As of November 2022, Florida employers have added jobs for 31 consecutive months since May 2020. Florida's private sector over-the-year job growth rate has exceeded the nation's for 20 consecutive months since April 2021.
- Private sector industries gaining the most jobs over the month were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality with 9,600 new jobs.
 - Education and Health Services with 6,200 new jobs.
 - Construction with 5,400 new jobs.



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Despite Hurricane Ian, Florida's October revenues beat expectations by \$140M

- General Revenue collections for October 2022 showed a gain of \$141.4 million (4.6 percent) over the forecast assumptions made by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) in August 2022.
- Almost 78 percent of the total gain came from Sales Tax. After adjusting total Sales Tax collections for local taxes and distributions, audits, bad checks and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax, Sales Tax GR was \$109.9 million (4.2 percent) overestimate for the month.
- October collections reflect activity that largely occurred in September. The Office of Economic and Demographic Research's preliminary analysis shows that final liability would likely have been even higher than the reported amount, but at least \$67 million was lost to the crisis within the hurricane-affected areas and the general dampening of sales activity elsewhere, with another \$16 million likely delayed by the Department of Revenue's Emergency Order to push back the due date in six of the hardest-hit counties

Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis remarks on the 2022 State Debt Report

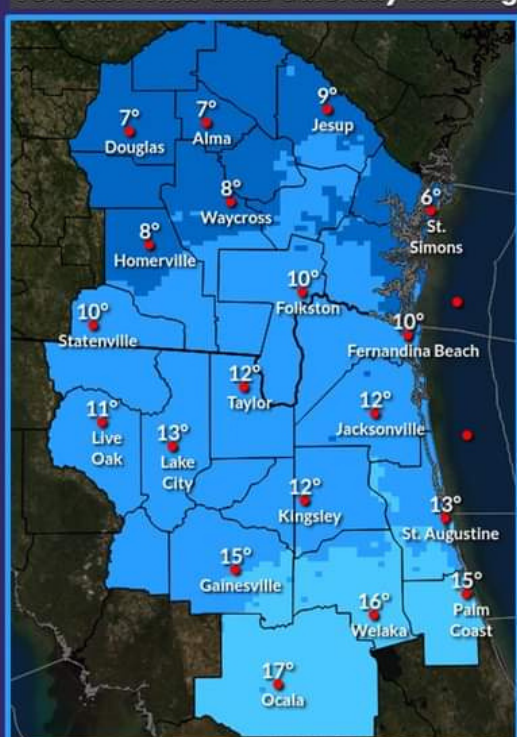


“The report reflects that Florida's economy is in excellent shape and continues to flourish. Thanks to the leadership of Governor DeSantis and the state Legislature, we have decreased our state debt by \$1.3 billion dollars while increasing our reserves to an unprecedented \$19.7 billion.”





Forecast Wind Chills Saturday Morning



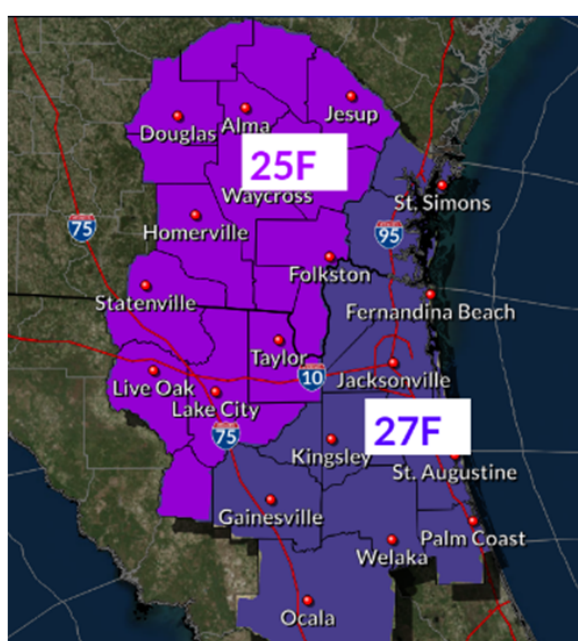
DANGEROUSLY COLD WIND CHILLS SATURDAY



- Stay indoors if possible
- Bring pets indoors
- Cover all exposed skin
- Keep flammables 3 ft from space heaters

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Hard Freeze Criteria



Minimum Temperature 25 ° F or less for at least 2 hrs

- SE Georgia: Jeff Davis, Coffee, Appling, Wayne, Bacon, Atkinson, Pierce, Clinch, Ware, Brantley, Charlton & Echols
- NE Florida: Hamilton, Suwannee, Gilchrist, Columbia, Baker, Union

Minimum Temperature 27 ° F or less for at least 2 hrs

- SE Georgia: Glynn, Camden
- NE Florida: Nassau, Duval, Clay, Bradford, St. Johns, Flagler, Alachua, Putnam & Marion

Bitterly cold wind chills expected Saturday morning across the area, with "feel like" temperatures expected to be in the teens across northeast Florida, and into the single digits across much of southeast Georgia.

WIND CHILL: A measure of how cold people & animals feel outside. Wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by wind & cold. As wind increases it draws heat from the body, which drives down your skin & internal body temperature.

Visit <https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold> for more cold weather preparedness tips.



Marion County Public Schools Launches a Literacy Campaign

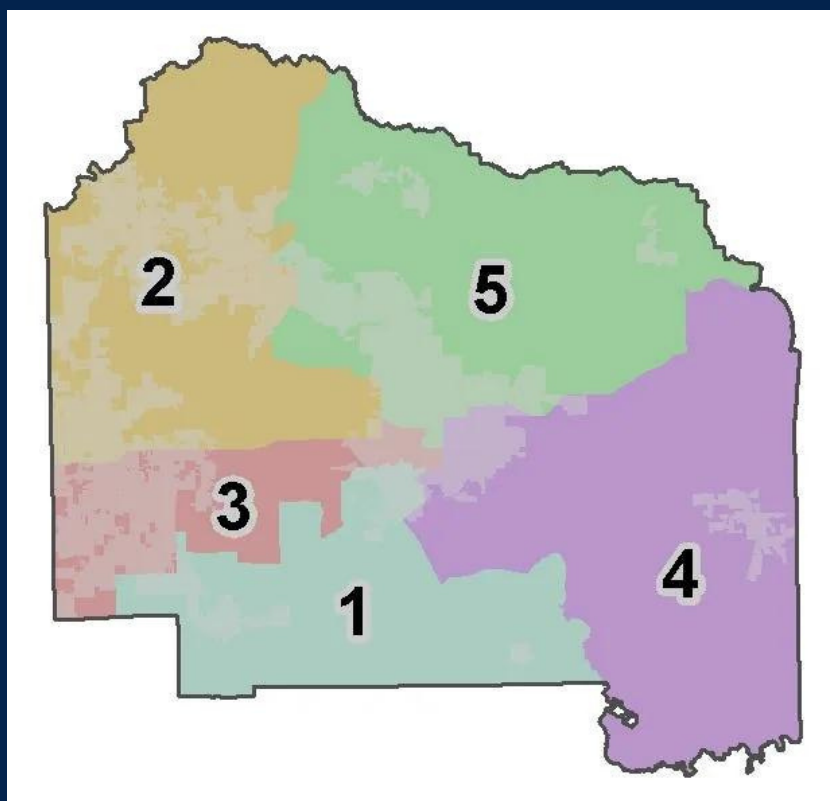
The Just Read, Florida! office and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in partnership with other FDOE offices, school districts, state organizations, and agencies, are planning the 15th annual statewide Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2023 events. Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2023 is scheduled for the week of **January 23-27, 2023**. This year, Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! theme is Take a Deep Dive into Literacy – Splash Into New Worlds! Marion County Public Schools will be participating in this event by reading books to deepen students' knowledge and support the New Worlds Reading Initiative program, which provides high-quality, free books every month to K-5 students performing below grade level to instill a love of reading.

Gainesville Commission Nearly Doubles Commissioners' Salaries



At their December 15 meeting, the Gainesville City Commission passed two ordinances on second reading; one nearly doubles the salaries of future commissioners despite resident's opposition, and the "Fair Chance Hiring" ordinance prohibits private business owners from doing background checks on prospective employees before a conditional job offer is made.

Alachua: Voters Make Their Voices Heard Voting In Favor of Single-Member Districts



Alachua County voters approved a referendum that will greatly impact the way their county commissioners are elected.

The new system will:

- Make Your Voice 1 in 36,000 rather than 1 in 180,000
- Increase Accountability for our Local Government
- Equal Voter Representation for Every District
- Since there are fewer voters in each district, the cost of campaigning is reduced, which will broaden the field of potential candidates.
- The number of contacts constituents make with commissioners has been shown to increase, indicating more civic engagement.
- Commissioners from single-member districts are more attentive to the needs of specific populations.
- Office holders of single-member districts are more accountable so those who do not perform are voted out of office.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
THE FLORIDA SENATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR
To New Beginnings!

