

## Floridians,

As the holiday season begins, I am encouraging Floridians to join my <u>Holiday Money Hunt</u> and search to see if you or your business has Unclaimed Property in Florida. With the holiday season being an expensive time of year, we could all use a little extra spending money and now is the perfect time to search and see if you or anyone you know has Unclaimed Property in Florida. This year has been a very difficult year for most, and my goal in doing this is to spread a little holiday cheer by helping Floridians find cash they didn't know they had. I am going to be working throughout the month to get the word out about Unclaimed Property and I hope you take advantage of this great opportunity. One in five Floridians has Unclaimed Property just waiting to be claimed and it only takes a few minutes to search now by visiting <u>FLTreasureHunt.gov</u>.



Additionally, year after year, consumers are spending more money during Black Friday and this week I warned all shoppers to beware of <u>potential scams</u> surrounding Black Friday and offered four tips to avoid becoming a victim. Unfortunately, scammers prey on consumers during black Friday, which is one of the biggest shopping days of the year and makes it the perfect opportunity to steal your hard-earned money. I encourage all Floridians to stay alert when shopping this holiday season and be on the lookout for potential scams. If you are suspicious of fraud, report it immediately at <u>FraudFreeFlorida.com</u>.

While celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow may look different than in years past, it is still a time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. I would also encourage you to take a moment to recognize the brave men and women in our armed forces and our first responders who work to keep our communities and country safe. We can all be thankful for the sacrifice of these heroes.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Patronis Chief Financial Officer State of Florida







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