



THE PERRY POST

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FL District 9

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District 9

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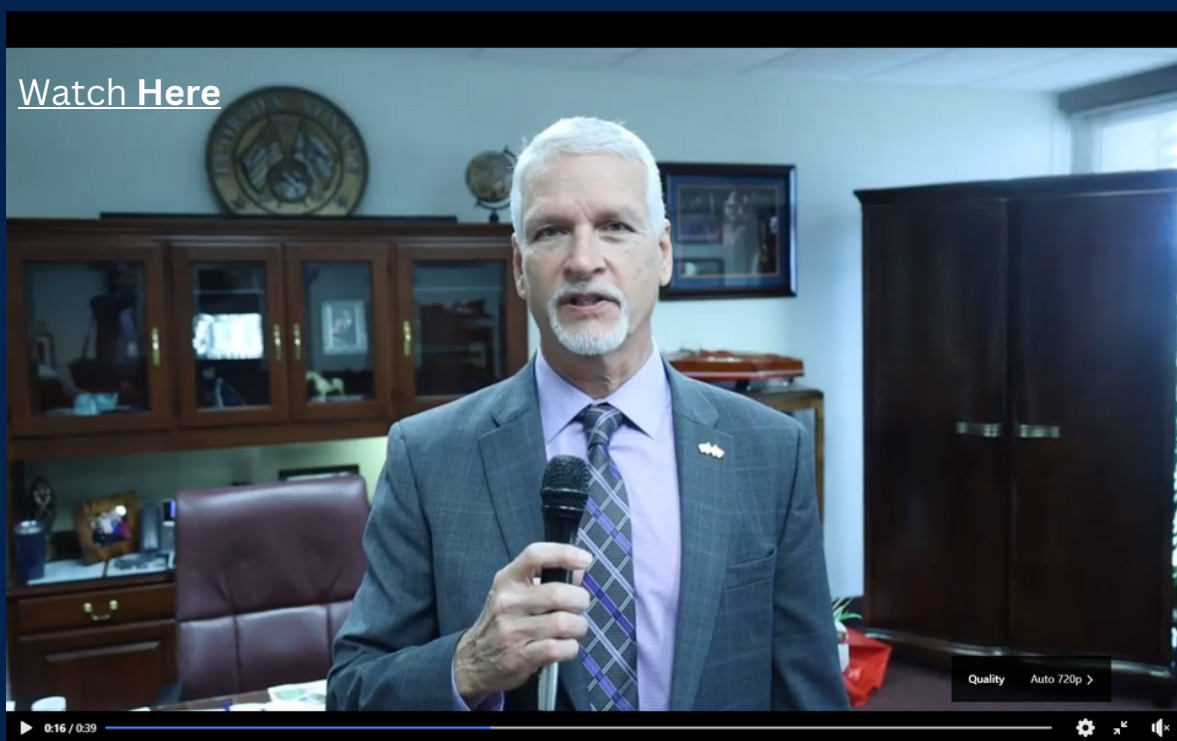
We're making our way into week 3 of regular session and I've filed several bills aiming to improve the lives of those in District 9, and all of Florida. We're seeing tremendous economic growth and people moving to our state for our emphasis on individual liberty and economic freedom, and I'm excited for what we'll accomplish this year. It's my goal to continue to fight for the values that make Florida such a great place to live, as long as I have the honor of representing you in District 9. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry



SESSION UPDATE



OUR LEGISLATION

- **SB 404** Public Records/Autopsy Reports of Minors Whose Deaths were Related to Acts of Domestic Violence
- **SB 408** Fire Sprinkler System Project Permitting
- **SB 418** Insurance
- **SB 464** Driving in the Furthestmost Left-hand Lane of a Roadway
- **SB 478** Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program
- **SB 760** Wrecker and Towing-storage Operators
- **SB 958** Postsecondary Educational Institutions
- **SB 1154** Labor Pool Act
- **SB 1374** Child Restraint Requirements
- **SB 1386** Florida School for Competitive Academics
- **SB 1394** Building Plans
- **SB 1556** Contraband Forfeiture
- **SB 1582** Student Fee Discounts
- **SB 1584** Local Occupational Licensing



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DISTRICT NEWS



Marion County has created a first of its kind Elder Co-responder program. This is a partnership between Senior Services, law enforcement, fire rescue, the courts, Department of Children and Families, mental health partners and local hospitals.

By responding to calls the program has provided case management and referrals for direct services and reduced the number of hours law enforcement responded to non-law enforcement matters.

It was a pleasure to have the team stop by to share the program's success so far, and the idea of a potential pilot that could benefit other communities.



We visited a new manufacturing plant in Marion County this week. SAFEGUAGE surgical glove manufacturer. The company is housed in a new 358,000 square foot facility and will bring 300-400 jobs to the area.

There will be 6 machine lines by the summer and each machine can produce 30,000 gloves per hour and will produce 1.2 billion gloves annually. In addition to the investment in the facility the investment in the machines was \$13 million.

This will be not only a great addition to Marion County but also the state.



My team attended the Ribbon Cutting of the new Allied Health Sciences Building at the College of Central Florida. It is an incredible renovation of the old gym with a new 24,000 square foot facility classroom and lab .

A partnership between the Florida Legislature- \$7.8 million, Marion County Hospital District- \$1.3 million and local dollars this facility will offer four new AS degrees and expand workforce development in the fast growing market of health care.





STATE NEWS



MARCH 7th MARKED THE OPENING DAY OF SESSION



On March 7th, the legislature convened to mark the first day of the 2023 regular session. Governor Ron DeSantis delivered his State of the State address to the joint legislative session from the Florida House of Representatives chamber in Tallahassee. Watch the full address [here](#).



Florida's Unemployment Rate Remains Lower Than the Nation for 27th Consecutive Month

Florida's job growth also outperforms the nation's for 22nd consecutive month

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Governor Ron DeSantis announced Florida's January economic data demonstrates the continued strength and success of Florida's economy. In January, Florida's unemployment rate was 2.6% and remained lower than the nation for the 27th consecutive month while job growth outperformed the nation for the 22nd consecutive month.

Florida Economic Indicators for January 2023 include:

- Unemployment rate is 2.6 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than the previous month's revised rate of 2.7 percent, and 0.8 percentage point lower than the national rate of 3.4 percent.
- Florida's statewide unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate for 27 consecutive months since November 2020.
- Between January 2022 and January 2023, Florida's labor force grew by 259,000, or 2.4 percent. This was faster than the national labor force growth rate of 1.3 percent over the year.
- Between January 2022 and January 2023, total private sector employment grew by 433,100 jobs (+5.3 percent), faster than the national private sector job growth rate of 3.6 percent over the year.
- As of January 2023, Florida employers have added jobs for 32 consecutive months since May 2020, with the exception of October 2022. Florida's private sector over-the-year job growth rate has exceeded the nation's for 22 consecutive months since April 2021.
- Private sector industries gaining the most jobs over the month were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality with 16,100 new jobs.
 - Education and Health Services with 4,900 new jobs.
 - Financial Activities with 4,900 new jobs.
 - Other Services with 3,200 new jobs.

