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Governor Scott: Florida Stands with Victims of Sexual Harassment *Executive Order Strengthens Sexual Harassment Protections for State Employees*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced Executive Order 17-319 which includes measures to increase reporting, investigating and training to protect state employees who are victims of sexual harassment at executive state agencies under the Governor's authority. This order takes clear action to protect against workplace sexual harassment and enhances many existing policies at executive state agencies to protect victims. The executive order is in addition to HB 397 proposed and signed by Governor Scott in June, which creates a public records exemption for identifying information of state employees who file sexual harassment complaints. To view the executive order, click [HERE](#).

Governor Scott said, "It is absolutely disgusting to hear about the numerous accounts of sexual harassment happening across the country. Everyone deserves to work in an environment that is safe and free from any form of harassment. We cannot tolerate sexual harassment at all in Florida, and today's executive order protects state employees by directing how agencies report, investigate and train against sexual harassment in the workplace. In Florida, we stand with victims and against those who mistreat others. Today, I call on every level of government to follow our lead and adopt these standards."

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