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## TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ORLANDO, FLORIDA – Orange County Comptroller Phil Diamond announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by Orange County for the April 2018 TDT collection month were \$24,355,900. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that April 2018 collections were about the same as April 2017. "We had a good run of increases with the TDT numbers but this month, not so much. With Easter falling on April 1<sup>st</sup> this year many of our visitors spent more time here in March and spent less time here in April. So, April's numbers did not show any increase over last year. Summer is just around the corner and I am hopeful that the numbers will go back up," stated Diamond.

## TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2018 (10/1/17-9/30/18)

Monthly Collections			Budget to Actual	
	FY 2018 Budget(1)	FY 2018 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage <u>Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of April 2018	\$23,868,000	\$24,355,900	\$487,900	2.0% up
			Actual to Actual	
	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage Difference
	\$24,413,700	\$24,355,900	(\$57,800)	0.2% down
Cumulative Collections			Budget to Actual	
	FY 2018 Budget(1)	FY 2018 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage <u>Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of April 2018	\$159,094,000	\$169,995,100	\$10,901,100	6.9% up
			Actual to Actual	
	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage Difference
	\$155,559,400	\$169,995,100	\$14,435,700	9.3% up

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<sup>(1)</sup> On January 23, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2018 revenue budget by \$5,000,000 or 2%.