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**ORANGE  
COUNTY  
FLORIDA**

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**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS  
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA -- County Comptroller Martha Haynie announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by the County for the hotel collection month of March 2016 were \$26,600,000. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Haynie indicated that March 2016 collections were 8% higher than March 2015.

“Orange County’s tourist development tax collections (TDT) have been on an amazing growth trend for almost three years, and it is no wonder that these numbers are generating some excitement. Visit Orlando just announced a record 66 million visitors to our community in 2015, and the continuing growth in TDT collections bodes well for 2016 to be another record setting year.

However, I will be reminding everyone that our world class convention center and our beautiful downtown venues have mortgages to be paid (actually outstanding bond obligations), and of the importance of reserves for that inevitable rainy day (or hurricane!) The community has every reason to be optimistic about the future. Orange County has every reason to temper that optimism with caution,” stated Haynie.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**ALL SIX CENTS**  
 FISCAL YEAR 2016 (10/1/15-9/30/16)

**Monthly Collections**

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of March 2016	\$25,261,700	\$26,600,000	\$1,338,300	5.3% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$24,633,600	\$26,600,000	\$1,966,400	8.0% up

**Cumulative Collections**

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2016 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of March 2016	\$119,318,000	\$125,910,400	\$6,592,400	5.5% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2016 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$116,588,900	\$125,910,400	\$9,321,500	8.0% up

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(1) On March 26, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2016 revenue budget by \$2,700,000 or 1.2%.