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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 August 2019 TDT collection month were \$19,758,700. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Diamond indicated that August 2019 collections were 4.9% higher than August 2018. "Hurricane Dorian threatened our community and even caused some visitors to cancel their vacations in the last week of August. However in spite of that, August 2019 TDT collections were still almost 5% higher than August 2018 TDT collections. I hope that trend continues as we finish our fiscal year," stated Diamond.

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## TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2019 (10/1/18-9/30/19)

Monthly Collections			Budget to Actual		
	FY 2019 Budget(1)	FY 2019 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage Difference	
Hotel Collection Month of August 2019	\$18,549,000	\$19,758,700	\$1,209,700	6.5% up	
			Actua	Actual to Actual	
	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage <u>Difference</u>	
	\$18,842,400	\$19,758,700	\$916,300	4.9% up	
Cumulative Collections			Budget to Actual		
	FY 2019 Budget(1)	FY 2019 Actual	<u>Difference</u>	Percentage <u>Difference</u>	
Thru Hotel Collection Month of August 2019	\$250,533,000	\$265,807,700	\$15,274,700	6.1% up	
			Actual to Actual		

FY 2019

Actual

\$265,807,700

**Difference** 

\$8,545,700

FY 2018

Actual

\$257,262,000

Percentage

Difference

3.3% up

<sup>(1)</sup> On January 29, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2019 revenue budget by \$5,000,000 or 1.9%.