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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Jan. 17, 2020



Informing you about deceptive tactics used to rip off Floridians is vital in our fight to stop scams and prevent fraud. This week, I launched a webpage dedicated to keeping consumers up-to-date about emerging scams and steps they can take to avoid fraud.

Shortly after taking office, I launched our Consumer Alert program and since then we have issued dozens of warnings covering topics running the gamut from the one-ring phone scam to moving scams and odometer fraud.

Below are just a few of the Consumer Alerts issued since the program's inception:

CONSUMER ALERT: Gift Card Resale Scams Peak in January
CONSUMER ALERT: Imposters Spoof FDLE Phone Numbers
CONSUMER ALERT: Check For Odometer Fraud Before Purchasing a Vehicle
CONSUMER ALERT: One-Ring Phone Scam Designed to Entice Return Calls
CONSUMER ALERT: Avoid Moving Scams
CONSUMER ALERT: Beware of Conversation Hijacking Scams

With this new webpage, Floridians now have a one-stop shop to view the most

recent warnings, plus additional tips to avoid fraud. To visit our Consumer Alert webpage, click here.

Often the best way to stop scams is to make sure people have the tools to avoid falling victim, so please take a minute to review the information on this page.

By learning how to protect yourself from scams and where to report fraud, you can help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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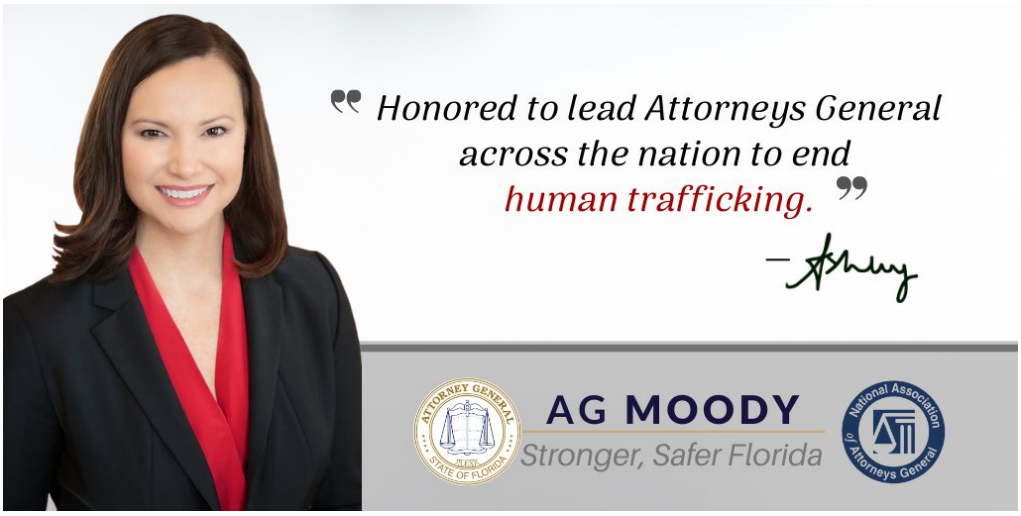
CONSUMER ALERT: Beware of Charity Scams in Wake of Devastating Earthquakes in Puerto Rico



Attorney General Ashley Moody issued a Consumer Alert to warn Floridians of the potential for charity scams in the wake of Puerto Rico's devastating earthquakes. Over the past couple of weeks, Puerto Rico has been experiencing earthquakes and aftershocks, leaving a massive amount of destruction. Relief efforts are underway to assist the victims of these tragedies. Generous Floridians want to help, but should take steps to make sure donations go to the intended cause.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Over the past few years, Puerto Rico has been besieged by natural disasters and the recent earthquakes are creating dangerous conditions for Americans living on the island and those traveling there to assist with the recovery efforts. Floridians want to help, but before you give, please take a few steps to ensure your donation is going to those who truly need it and not a scammer exploiting the situation to steal from generous donors." Read More

Attorney General Moody Selected to Lead National Human Trafficking Committee



Attorney General Ashley Moody will serve as Co-Chair of the National Association of Attorneys General Human Trafficking Committee. The committee will investigate and promote best practices for combating trafficking at a state level, including law enforcement and prosecution strategies, educational outreach efforts and alliances with partner agencies and non-governmental organizations. NAAG is made up of all 56 attorneys general from the United States and territories, and facilitates the collaboration and execution of national bipartisan efforts among attorneys general.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am honored to lead attorneys general across the nation to end human trafficking. Human trafficking is a scourge on society and fighting to end it in Florida has been one of my top priorities since taking office. I will help lead this committee in an effort to identify new tactics and innovative approaches to end human trafficking in Florida and nationwide.” Read More

Attorney General Moody Appoints Anne Corcoran to Florida's Commission on the Status of Women



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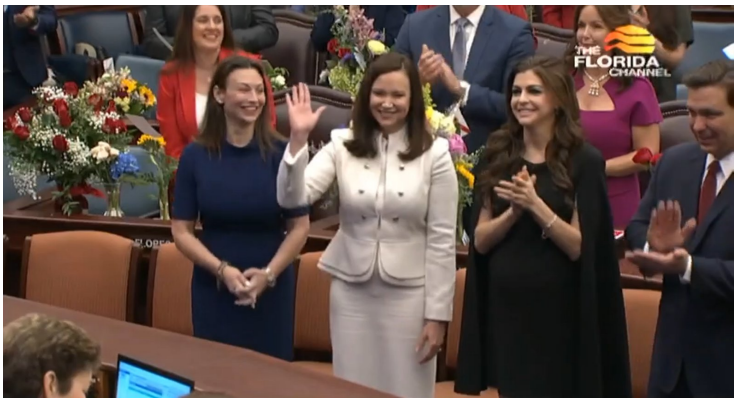
General Ashley Moody, while participating in a Teach a Girl to Lead program in Bay County, announced the appointment of Anne Corcoran to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Corcoran is a distinguished corporate attorney and is active in charitable and community activities—founding a liberal arts charter school where she continues to provide pro bono legal and board services. The FCSW is a non-partisan group with a focus on raising awareness and celebrating the contributions and successes of all Floridians. Additionally, the FCSW provides a collaborative platform for those seeking information on issues that affect women, girls and their families in Florida.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am proud to appoint Anne Corcoran to this commission. Anne will bring a strong perspective to the group, from both the legal and educational standpoint. Not only is her extensive charitable and community service work inspiring, but her experience as a mother balancing a career and a family will be an asset to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Congratulations, Anne.” Read More

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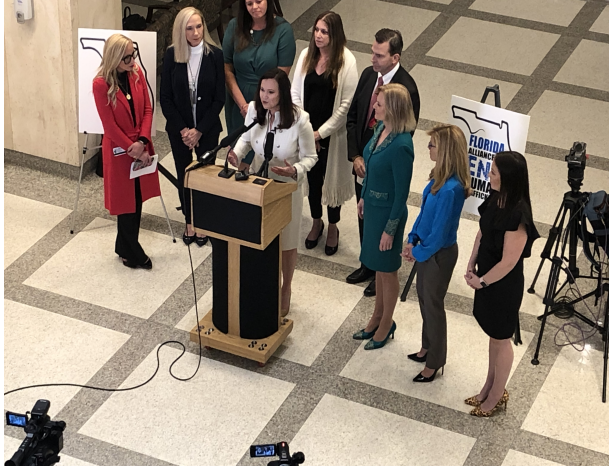
This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody joined Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Cabinet members and state legislators in kicking off the 2020 Florida Legislative Session. Attorney General Moody attended the opening sessions of the Florida Senate and House, as well as the Governor’s State of the State Address.





Attorney General Moody presenting a Cabinet resolution to the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking inside the Florida Capitol Rotunda. The Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking is the new name of the Direct Support Organization for the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. Attorney General Moody is the Chair of the Council.





Attorney General Moody speaking to members of the Florida Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber’s Legislative Fly-In event at Florida State University.





Attorney General Moody meeting with Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood in her Florida Capitol Office.





Attorney General Moody welcoming pirates from the Tampa Bay area during Hillsborough County Day outside the Historic Florida Capitol Building.



Attorney General Moody speaking at the annual Florida TaxWatch State of the Taxpayer Dinner in Tallahassee.





Attorney General Moody with TaxWatch Chairman Pat Neal and President/CEO Dominic Calabro.



Attorney General Moody welcoming Senate Pages outside her Florida Capitol Office.





Attorney General Moody with Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells in her Florida Capitol Office.



Attorney General Moody meeting with members of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce in Tallahassee for the 2020 Legislative Session.





Attorney General Moody reading to second grade students at Parker Elementary School in Panama City as part of the Teach a Girl to Lead civic education program.



Attorney General Moody with attorney Anne Corcoran in Panama City. The Attorney General appointed Corcoran to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, a nonpartisan group focused on raising awareness and celebrating the contributions and successes of all Floridians.

