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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 2013 were \$20,862,900. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Haynie noted that March 2013 collections were over 6% higher than March 2012. "Seasonal variations, such as the timing of spring breaks and Easter vacations, can cause month to month comparisons to be slightly misleading," Haynie stated. "However, considering that our fiscal year to date collections are up over 7%, and that March 2013 now represents the highest resort tax collection month in our history, I think it is safe to say that everyone who contributes to or benefits from our tourism taxes should be smiling."

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS
 ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ALL SIX CENTS
 FISCAL YEAR 2013

Monthly Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2013 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2013 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of March 2013	\$19,916,000	\$20,862,900	\$ 946,900	4.8% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2012 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2013 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$19,586,700	\$20,862,900	\$ 1,276,200	6.5% up

Cumulative Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2013 Budget(1)</u>	<u>FY 2013 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Thru Hotel Collection Month of March 2013	\$92,700,400	\$97,660,400	\$ 4,960,000	5.4% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2012 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2013 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$90,762,500	\$97,660,400	\$ 6,897,900	7.6% up

(1) On January 29, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2013 revenue budget by \$8,701,500 or 5.1%.