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SCDCA Celebrates National Consumer Protection Week March 7th- 11th

Columbia, SC... - The 13th Annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) kicks off Monday, March 7th. SCDCA is sponsoring a number of activities throughout the state this week in an effort to help consumers increase their financial literacy, spot and prevent fraud and avoid becoming a victim of identity theft. Please see the below listing of events.

"If I Had \$100, I Would..." Essay Contest Awards Ceremony- The 10 essay winners, chosen from over 450 entries authored by 4th, 5th and 6th graders from around the state, will be recognized in a ceremony at the Statehouse Capitol Rotunda on March 9th from 11am – 12pm.

Shred Days – SCDCA is partnering with Shred 360 to offer three, FREE shred days:

Monday, March 7th- Charleston Area Convention Center (North Charleston), 10am-2pm

Tuesday, March 8th- Richland Fashion Mall Forest Drive Entrance (Columbia), 11am-4pm

Thursday, March 10th- Haywood Mall Near Pier One (Greenville), 10am-2pm

Phone Banks – SCDCA is partnering with the US Postal Service and Better Business Bureau for three consumer phone banks:

Monday, March 7th - WLTX Columbia, 5pm-7pm

Wednesday, March 9th- WSPA Spartanburg, 5pm-7:30pm

Thursday, March 10th- WIS Columbia, 5pm-7:30pm

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Consumers can also visit <http://www.ncpw.gov/outreach-ideas/> to read, view, download and order multiple copies of educational materials provided by nearly 30 organizations. The website's blog features posts from consumer experts nationwide, and allows consumers to connect directly with them about a variety of consumer protection resources.

SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. For more information on SCDCA's Consumer Protection Week activities, or to file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.sconsumer.gov or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.