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SCDCA Celebrates National Consumer Protection Week

Columbia, SC...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week, March 2-6. The following is a schedule of events planned to raise awareness about identity theft and scams throughout the week:

Monday, March 2nd: Help SCDCA and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) kick off the week at the Richland County Public Library. From **10:00am - 11:00am**, SCDCA and ORS will have a table containing a wealth of valuable consumer education available to consumers. Stop by and get FREE tips for avoiding identity theft, scams, and becoming more fiscally fit.

Tuesday, March 3rd: SCDCA will again partner with Shred360 to offer two FREE shredding events around the state. Consumers should NOT bring more than five (5) file boxes to shred.

- **Where:** N. Charleston Coliseum, 5001 Coliseum Dr., North Charleston, Parking Lot E
- **When:** 11:00am - 2:00pm

- **Where:** Shred360, 431 Western Ln., Irmo
- **When:** 11:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday, March 5th: Join SCDCA and Shred360 for their final NCPW shred event:

- **Where:** Timmons Arena, 3300 Poinsett Hwy, Greenville (Furman University)
- **When:** 11:00am - 2:00pm

Also on **Thursday, March 5th** SCDCA will hold a phone bank in conjunction with WIS-TV in Columbia. Consumers are encouraged to call 803-758-1020, with their consumer protection questions **from 5:00pm-7:30pm**.

March 2nd - March 6th: Be sure to tune in to SCDCA's Twitter (@SCDCA) and Facebook (SCDepartmentofConsumerAffairs) during National Consumer Protection Week and beyond for valuable consumer tips.

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SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.consumer.sc.gov or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.

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