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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS SPONSORS SHRED DAY OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>

**Columbia, SC...** ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will sponsor another Shred Day Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in an effort to help consumers protect against identity theft. The event will be held at SCDCA located at 3600 Forest Drive in Columbia. Shred 360 will provide shredding services free of charge for consumers. SCDCA staff will also be on-site to answer consumers' questions about identity theft and other issues. Consumers may bring materials to be shredded between 8 a.m. – 12 noon and 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

With identity theft crimes on the rise in South Carolina, SCDCA strongly encourages consumers to keep careful watch over their personal information. Sensitive information includes but is not limited to the following: social security numbers, bank account numbers, phone numbers, mailing addresses, birth dates, tax return information and receipts. Consumers and businesses should dispose of outdated or unnecessary paper trash in a safe and timely manner. Shred Day provides the perfect opportunity to do this free of charge.

For more information on Shred Day, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4190, toll free in SC at 1.800.922.1594, or visit us online at [www.sconsumer.gov](http://www.sconsumer.gov).

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#### About the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs:

Established by the Consumer Protection code in 1974, The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs represents the interests of South Carolina Consumers.

Our mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education.

For more information, visit [www.sconsumer.gov](http://www.sconsumer.gov).

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