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FDIC JOINS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SPONSORING FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK

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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has joined federal, state and local organizations and national advocacy groups in launching the fifth annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) being held from February 2-8, 2003. This year's theme, "Information Security: Putting the Pieces Together," focuses on practical steps consumers and businesses can take to wisely manage their personal and sensitive information.

"The FDIC is proud to be a partner in sharing the message of the fifth annual National Consumer Protection Week campaign," said FDIC Chairman Donald Powell. "Consumers are concerned about the security of their personal information and are interested in minimizing the misuse of their information."

During NCPW, representatives from federal, state and local organizations and national advocacy groups will help consumers and the business community understand how information security affects the decisions they make at home and in the marketplace.

This year's NCPW organizers include the Federal Trade Commission; the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators; the National Consumers League; the AARP; the Better Business Bureau; the Consumer Federation of America; the U.S. Postal Service; the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; the National Association of Attorneys General; and the Federal Consumer Information Center.

During NCPW, the FDIC's Consumer Response Center will be coordinating the distribution of financial education materials to consumers through a variety of activities planned across the country this week.

For more information about NCPW, visit the NCPW Web site at www.consumer.gov/ncpw.



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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