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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK**

**Jonesboro, Ga** – The Clayton County Board of Commissioners (CCBOC) is joining with federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as, national organizations to celebrate the 13th annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) March 6-12, 2011. A proclamation was presented to the Metro Atlanta Better Business Bureau office at the CCBOC March 1st Business Meeting (7:00pm). During NCPW, groups nationwide share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft, and avoid frauds and scams.

“I am proud that the Board is promoting National Consumer Protection Week”, said Commissioner Gail Hambrick (District 2). “Unfortunately, we are seeing an alarming rise in identity theft scams, especially among our senior citizens, so it is important for everyone in Clayton County to know that the Better Business Bureau has an office located in the College Park area where they can go for resources and assistance.”

This year the CCBOC is supporting the Metro Atlanta Better Business Bureau (BBB) as it partners with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for National Consumer Protection Week in advising consumers about identity theft. By educating the public about this rapidly growing crime, the Better Business Bureau believe they will serve as a major resource in helping consumers protect themselves from becoming victims. It is the Bureau’s mission to be the leader in advancing marketplace trust. As a part of National Consumer Protection Week the metro Atlanta Bureau office and Postal Inspection Service will host "Protect It and Shred It Day!" The public is invited to come out and bring information with vital personal information and have it shredded free of charge. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 12 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Lenox Square Mall.

For additional information about local events or general information visit the BBB website at [www.atlanta.bbb.org](http://www.atlanta.bbb.org) or [www.ncpw.gov](http://www.ncpw.gov).

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