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CONSUMER AFFAIRS APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Columbia, SC... ...Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, has announced the appointment of Alice J. Brooks as the Director of Public Information. Pinkston stated that with her intellectual curiosity, her perspective as a mature media professional, and her high level of consumer interests, Alice will fit in well with the SCDCA community.

Brooks comes to the agency with more than 30 years of experience in the public affairs arena, including 20 years of service to South Carolina State Government. She was public information director for the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority, heading up the agency's Education and Outreach program, the annual South Carolina Housing Achievement Awards, and its Affordable Housing Conference.

She served in similar capacities with the South Carolina State Library, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. She received the State's Certified Public Manager credential in 1999 and is a member of the South Carolina State Government Improvement Network, serving on its executive committee for three consecutive terms. She is the Immediate past president of the Media Club of Columbia. Brooks is also an active volunteer for her community, most notably with the Animal Protection League and the

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Congaree Council's Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program, a statewide program for girls (age 5-17) whose mothers are incarcerated at the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Alice Brooks is a graduate of LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia, with a BA in Speech Communications and Political Science. She and her husband Jerry Youngblood live in Cayce and are members of Cayce United Methodist Church.

With a thirty-year tradition of results behind it, the Department of Consumer Affairs continues to focus on emerging consumer issues in South Carolina. For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4190, toll free in SC at 1.800.922.1594, or online at www.sconsumer.gov.

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