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South Carolina Credit Unions Sign Pledge to Keep Free Debit Cards

(Columbia, S.C.) – In the wake of the announcements from several national banks with locations in South Carolina, several credit unions have joined together pledging to keep debit cards free for their members. “The whole philosophy behind credit unions is people helping people” said Anne Shivers, CEO of Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union. “While we understand the need for banks to look for ways to survive under new regulations, we believe in providing the best banking experience for our members, with as little cost to them as possible” Shivers said.

“We’ve received press releases from coast to coast about Credit Unions that are still providing free debit cards to their communities. I love seeing this group come together to let their members and the people of South Carolina, the state I live in, know that they have an alternative to the new fees banks are charging. Just one more way that credit unions support their communities” said Randy Smith, Publisher/Managing Editor of CUinsight.com, a news service dedicated to the credit union industry.

The pledge states: “I pledge to uphold the credit union philosophy of “people helping people” by continuing to offer fairly priced banking services to our members. In addition, I pledge that my credit union will abstain from charging a fee for members to use our debit cards for as long as market conditions allow us to do so.”

The following credit unions in South Carolina have signed this pledge:

Carolina Collegiate Federal Credit Union – Columbia SC
Pickens Federal Credit Union – Pickens SC
Neighbors United Credit Union – Greenwood SC
Carolina Foothills Federal Credit Union – Greenville/Spartanburg SC
1st Cooperative Federal Credit Union – Columbia SC
Palmetto First Federal Credit Union – Florence SC
Greenville Heritage Federal Credit Union – Greenville SC
Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union – Charleston SC
Family Trust Federal Credit Union – Rock Hill SC
Pee Dee Federal Credit Union – Florence SC
Anderson Federal Credit Union – Anderson SC
SPC Credit Union – Hartsville SC
MTC Federal Credit Union – Greenville SC
SAFE Federal Credit Union – Sumter SC
Florence Dupont Employees Federal Credit Union – Florence SC
Palmetto Health Credit Union – Columbia SC

Greater Abbeville Federal Credit Union – Abbeville SC
Secured Advantage Federal Credit Union – Simpsonville SC
Health Facilities Federal Credit Union – Florence SC
May Plant Credit Union – Lugoff SC
South Carolina Methodist Conference Credit Union – Columbia SC
Edisto Federal Credit Union – Orangeburg SC
Beech Island Credit Union – Beech Island SC
SCI Federal Credit Union – Florence SC
AnMed Health Federal Credit Union – Anderson SC
Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union – Columbia SC
Founders Federal Credit Union – Rock Hill SC
Charleston Area Federal Credit Union – Charleston SC
ArrowPointe Federal Credit Union – Rock Hill SC
Georgetown Kraft Credit Union – Georgetown SC
Spartan Federal Credit Union – Spartanburg SC
Nucor Credit Union – Florence SC

For more details about this initiative among South Carolina Credit Unions, or to schedule an interview with a representative from a credit union in your area please contact Bo McDonald at 864.230.1923.