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"Buy a House! Keep a Home!" Regional Housing Fair to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009

Chesapeake, VA -- May 28, 2009 – In recognition of Homeownership Month, the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) is holding a Homebuyer and Homeowner Fair on June 20, 2009 from 10: 00 am to 2:00 pm at the Chesapeake Conference Center in Chesapeake, Virginia, 900 Greenbrier Circle.

A host of Consumer Advocacy and State & Federal Housing Agencies will be on hand to make people aware of their resources and free services. Fair attendees can take advantage of a number of free informational seminars on various topics that will be held throughout the day. The seminars will address purchasing a foreclosed property, obtaining a mortgage in today's market, how to improve credit scores, foreclosure prevention, and much more.

"Due to the recent economic crisis, home buyers and homeowners have been inundated with both positive and negative information regarding the market. This is a great opportunity to offer consumers the much needed information and guidance to take a step towards purchasing a home and for existing homeowners, offer advice and help with keeping their homes!" stated Karen Munden, HRHC Planning Committee Chairperson. "We are looking for consumers from all cities as representatives from various governmental agencies on the Southside, Greater Peninsula, and Western Tidewater areas will be on hand."

For questions concerning the event or exhibitor information, please contact Shernita L. Bethea at 757-420-8300 or email: info@hamptonroadshousing.org.

About HRHC The HRHC is a voluntary association of governmental, private and non-profit organizations committed to improving housing opportunities for low and moderate-income households in Hampton Roads. Participants include city and county governments, redevelopment and housing authorities, non-profit housing and emergency shelter providers, mortgage lenders, realtor and builders associations and a variety of other groups interested in affordable housing issues. Member groups represent most of the sixteen communities within the Hampton Roads region. The HRHC is a federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Hampton Roads Housing Consortium believes that households of all income levels deserve a fair opportunity to buy or rent housing that is safe, affordable and suitable for their needs. The HRHC also supports adequate housing for persons with special needs including the disabled and elderly. Many HRHC members are directly involved with housing development, housing program management or affordable mortgage financing. The HRHC gives these organizations and other interested groups a regional framework for information exchange, training activities and cooperative action.