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### Secretary Marshall Joins NASS in #BizSchemeSOS Public Education Campaign

**RALEIGH** – NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall is joining her National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) colleagues in the new #BizSchemeSOS campaign to encourage the public, business owners and future entrepreneurs to first check with their Secretary of State to avoid business schemes and other fraudulent practices or activities.

By checking with the Secretary of State’s Office individuals can find helpful, accurate and up-to-date information on business filings, requirements and more.

“This education effort goes to the heart of our work to help small businesses across North Carolina,” said Secretary Marshall. “We are acutely aware of the role we have to play in maintaining North Carolina’s business friendly environment, whether it’s through giving businesses the most efficient process for submitting filings, alerting them to reports of misleading mailings, or sending them email notifications when a change is made to their filings.”

The Secretary of State’s Business Registration Division has valuable business services tools, information on deadlines and filings, as well as business scam alerts at [sosnc.gov](http://sosnc.gov). If you have questions about any of these items or see suspicious business-related information, please contact us at [corpinfo@sosnc.com](mailto:corpinfo@sosnc.com). You can also file a complaint online at [https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/business\\_registration/tip\\_and\\_complaint](https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/business_registration/tip_and_complaint).

The Secretary of State’s Office has long made combatting business identity theft a priority. The Department offers a free subscription service to alert company officers with an email notification whenever something changes on their corporate profile. As part of the Secretary of State’s focus on offering innovative and efficient e-government solutions, the agency recently created online wizards to guide customers through the business creation process. Document rejection rates for customer errors have been cut over two thirds in the first months that the wizards have been available, greatly speeding the time it takes to submit business creation documents.