

## **Identity Theft Awareness Week**

January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>

Take action if you have already become a victim of identity theft:

- Create a log and record each step you take.
- Respond immediately to any IRS notice. Call the number provided to you on the IRS notice you receive in the mail.
- Notify affected parties as soon as you discover the fraud.
- You can choose to:
  - Freeze your bank accounts.
  - File a police report.
  - o Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission.
  - o Freeze your credit.
- Obtain a free credit report to check for additional issues.
- Set up a fraud alert on your credit report.
- Change all affected account passwords.
- Replace your stolen identification.
- Contact your telephone and utility companies.
- Contact your credit card company and/or bank(s)/credit union(s) they may be able to provide you with further protection against fraud.