

# SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY

June 2, 2017

WHEREAS, all Alaskan drivers must recognize their responsibility to make safe and considerate choices while driving, and driving with an unsecured load presents danger to the travelling public; and

WHEREAS, according to AAA, between 2012 and 2016, over 200,000 crashes involved debris on U.S. roadways, and road debris resulted in approximately 39,000 injuries, and more than 500 deaths between 2011 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, a 20-pound object that falls off a vehicle traveling at highway speeds will strike with a half-ton impact; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statue 46.06.080 states that “a vehicle may not be driven or moved on a public highway of right-of-way unless it is constructed, loaded, or covered, to prevent its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle;” and

WHEREAS, the simple, routine act of securely affixing every load makes Alaska’s roads safer for all drivers, and these precautions should not be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska recognizes the profound suffering and loss of those harmed by unsecured loads, and stands with those critically impacted by such instances of avoidable tragedy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2017 as:

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in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to give serious consideration to their safety and the safety of others when transporting materials in their vehicle on our roadways.

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