

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2017-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING JUNE 6, 2017 AS *SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY*.

WHEREAS, All residents of the Municipality of Anchorage should recognize the dangers of driving with an unsecured load and be accountable when hauling with a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Per a Government Accountability Study, in a single calendar year unsecured loads were responsible for the deaths of 440 people, 10,000 injuries, and 51,000 incidences in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A 20 pound object that falls off a vehicle on the highway traveling the typical speed limit of 55 MPH will strike a stationary object or person alongside the roadway with the impact of half a ton, fully capable of causing serious bodily injury or death; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.46.060 requires securing of a load "as to prevent any material from dropping, shifting, leaking, falling from any part of the vehicle, or otherwise escaping therefrom" and requires a load and any covering to be "securely fastened so as to prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner a hazard to other users of the street," with a \$150 fine for violations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 46.06.080 similarly requires a vehicle driven on state roads and highways to secure and prevent its load from dropping or shifting; and

WHEREAS, The Anchorage Assembly stands in solidarity with those impacted by such instances of avoidable and unnecessary tragedies, harmed or even killed by debris or items falling from unsecured loads, and urges all persons transporting loads of items, personal property, debris, trash, rubbish, or anything to cover and secure their load; and

WHEREAS, National, State and local bodies across the United States have joined the movement in designating and recognizing Tuesday, June 6, 2017, as Secure Your Load Day to encourage the simple, routine act of covering and securing every load before driving;

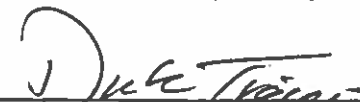
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly celebrates, recognizes and designates Tuesday, June 6, 2017, as:

Secure Your Load Day

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk


Chair

