

Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all residents of Anchorage should recognize the dangers of driving with an unsecured load and be accountable for our choices while in a 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 that is traveling highway spends (approx. 55 MPH) will strike with the impact of half a ton; and

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

WHEREAS, the simple, routine act of affixing every load protects the lives of Anchorage community members, and these precautions should not be overlooked; and

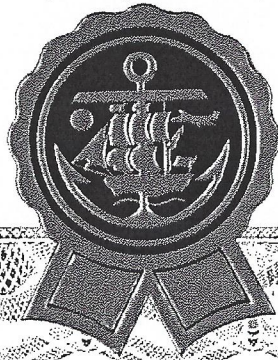
WHEREAS, the City of Anchorage recognizes and honors the profound suffering of those harmed by unsecured loads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anchorage stands in solidarity with those critically impacted by such instances of avoidable tragedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of Anchorage, do hereby proclaim Tuesday June 6th, 2017:

Secure Your Load Day

And urge all residents to give due consideration to their safety and the safety of others when transporting materials in their vehicle on our roadways,




MAYOR ETHAN BERKOWITZ