

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, all residents of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough should recognize the dangers of driving with an unsecured load; and

WHEREAS, according to 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 incidents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a 20-pound object that falls from a vehicle that is traveling regular highway speeds (approx. 55 MPH) will strike with the impact of half a ton; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 46.06.080 states that "a vehicle may not be driven or moved on a public 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 securing every load protects the lives of Matanuska-Susitna Borough residents and these precautions should not be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recognizes the profound suffering of those harmed by unsecure loads and we stand in the solidarity with those critically impacted by such instances of avoidable tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Vern Halter, the Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough hereby proclaims Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 as

Secure Your Load Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to be affixed this 30 day of May, 2017.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

