

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**

GOVERNOR

**SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY**

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina motorists must recognize their responsibility to make safe and considerate choices while driving, and driving with an unsecured load presents dangers to the travelling public; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2012 and 2016, there were 2,595 crashes involving debris on North Carolina roadways, and road debris resulted in approximately 705 injuries and 14 fatalities; and

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

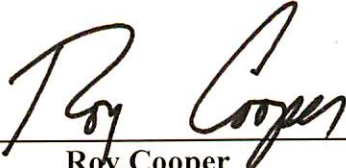
**WHEREAS**, it is illegal under North Carolina law to haul an improperly secured load; penalties include up to a \$2,000 fine, community service work, and one point on a motorist's driver license upon conviction; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation, Governor's Highway Safety Program, and all law enforcement agencies recognize the profound suffering and loss of those harmed by unsecured loads, and stand with those critically impacted by such instances of avoidable tragedy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2017, as "**SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.