



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY

2018

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 a danger to the travelling public; and

WHEREAS, between 2013 and 2017, there were 3,535 crashes involving debris on North Carolina roadways, and road debris resulted in approximately 935 injuries and 5 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, a 20-pound object that falls off 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 North Carolina 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, 2018, as "**SECURE YOUR LOAD DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





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 first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.