

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1964 at 5:36 p.m., Southcentral Alaska experienced the second largest earthquake in recorded history with a magnitude of 9.2. The devastation, destruction of property, and loss of life affected countless Alaskans then, and for many, still does to this day; and

WHEREAS, numerous cities, villages and communities throughout Alaska and even parts of Canada felt the tremendous force of nature because of the earthquake; and

WHEREAS, recalling this historic event in our State's history reminds us to appreciate and again acknowledge the sacrifice and service of the first responders, servicemen and volunteers who gave their time, energy, and even their lives to aid their fellow Alaskans; and

WHEREAS; just one example of such great loss was a Kulis Alaska National Guard Base flight which crashed off the shores of Valdez during a relief mission, taking the life of its crew and Alaska's first Adjutant General, Major General Thomas Carroll; and

WHEREAS, following the aftermath of the earthquake, Alaskans pulled together in a remarkable display of the determination and resolve to recover, to rebuild affected communities, and to forge a path forward for Alaska, which provides an enduring and inspiring example to us today; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the advancements made since that time to enable our citizens to be more aware and better prepared for earthquakes in the future. Planning, emergency preparedness kits, and routine practice drills are important for all Alaskans to be better prepared for the next natural disaster or emergency situation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2015 as:

### *1964 Alaskan Earthquake Remembrance Day*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to educate themselves on earthquake safety procedures, practice drills, participate in commemorative events; such as exhibits, conferences, and emergency response activities in their communities' and direct all State flags to be lowered to half-staff on March 27, 2015 in honor of all those lives that have been lost.

Dated: March 17, 2015



*Bill Walker*

*Bill Walker, Governor  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation.*