

University of Alaska Fairbanks**Staff Council****Proposal for UAF Staff Volunteer Day***11/17/2014*

UAF Staff Council seeks a full work day of volunteer time per staff member per year, to comprise four hours of existing Annual Leave, donated by the staff member, combined with four hours of additional "Volunteer Leave" newly offered by the University.

These volunteer efforts should be concentrated as full workdays by all staff willing, to also take place during one of two designated weeks per school year, which may also minimize any negative effect on UAF and its services to students. Initial weeks proposed for designation include a single week during the Fall semester of 2015 and one during Spring semester of 2016. These features present the need for the stringent organization, regulation, and oversight of such a proposed activity, with Staff Council looking forward to collaborating on these efforts with University Human Resources and Administration.

Therefore, UAF Staff Council proposes, in conjunction with UAF administration, the founding of an Annual Staff Volunteer Day, incorporating the organization, facilitation, and promotion of volunteerism by staff on an extensive level, during designated times of year when these efforts are most needed.