

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
between the  
**STATE OF ALASKA**  
and the  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 71**  
representing the  
**LABOR, TRADES and CRAFTS UNIT**

**16-LL-200**

**Administration of Furloughs**

**RECITALS:**

To establish rules pursuant to which employees in the Labor Trades and Crafts Unit (LTC) will be subject to furlough, the State of Alaska (State) and the Public Employees Local 71 (Union), agree as follows:

1. The furlough provisions of 2 AAC 07.407 shall apply to LTC employees covered under the Collective Bargaining Unit (CBA) for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. However, notwithstanding anything in 2 AAC 07.407 to the contrary, full-time LTC employees shall be subject to 15.0 hours of furlough per fiscal year. During the furlough hours, the employee shall be treated as if in pay status relative to the effect on probationary period, leave accrual, health insurance, holiday pay and merit anniversary dates.
2. An employee who was hired on or before December 31 of a fiscal year shall be required to fulfill the 15.0 hours furlough requirement for that fiscal year. An employee who was hired between January 1 and June 30 of a fiscal year shall be required to fulfill a 7.5 hours furlough requirement during that fiscal year.
3. Employees working a reduced workweek of 30-37.5 hours shall have their furlough requirement prorated based upon the number of hours the member is regularly scheduled to work.
4. Employees in seasonal positions of less than 12 months duration and part time employees working less than 30 hours per week will not be subject to the furlough requirement set forth in this Letter of Agreement.
5. The employer will make every effort to grant a furlough on the day after Thanksgiving; however, furloughs will be set based on the needs of the employer with consideration of the wishes of the member. Employee requests to schedule furlough hours at the employee's convenience require the prior approval of the supervisor. Such requests shall be given full consideration and, to the extent practicable, approved. However, the parties agree that the final decision with regard to approval or disapproval of any employee request will be based on the supervisor's evaluation of the needs of the job.
6. Supervisors may direct an employee to take a furlough to satisfy the requirement by giving two weeks' notice prior to the scheduled date of the furlough. If the supervisor fails to provide two weeks' notice, the furlough can still be scheduled by mutual consent between the supervisor and the employee. Furloughs scheduled at the supervisor's initiation may not be for more than one work day in a pay period.

7. Employees may utilize the leave cash-in provision set forth in Article 19.04 of the CBA to offset, in whole or in part, the impact of the furlough. Any employee cash-in made in connection with a furlough shall be subject to all of the existing rules and conditions of the CBA.
8. Time taken as furlough hours shall not be considered time worked for the purpose of calculating overtime.
9. It is understood that the furlough provisions of this Letter of Agreement will not be implemented for LTC employees in the event the State enters into a voluntary settlement with any other union with a contract expiring June 30, 2016, and such voluntary settlement does not include provisions that require furlough of full-time employees for the equivalent of 15.0 hours per fiscal year.
10. No other provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement are modified by this Letter of Agreement.

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/\*Signature on File\*/  
Kent Durand, State of Alaska

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Dennis Moen, Public Employees Local 71