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WELFARE

The right of an individual to move about freely in our society and country is a right that is guaranteed to us under the various laws of the state and country. Recently two or three families who lived in communities off the reservation were literally coerced into returning to the reservation when circumstances forced them to apply for General Assistance in these outside communities. We would like to point out to the people that no social worker anywhere in any town or county has the right to tell you where you will live nor the conditions under which you may remain in any given community.

We realize that there are various pressures that can be exerted on a person or family to compel them to make an adverse decision affecting their way of life. We urge you to reaffirm your rights as a citizen in this country whenever any individual suggests you return to the reservation because it suits their particular program or political philosophy at the time you are in need of assistance from the community -- not a kick in the teeth.

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