

in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). In 1987, the Kodiak Tribal Council learned it had not been included on a list of federally recognized tribes published by the BIA in the Federal Register and requested the Secretary of the Interior to correct the list.

In the case of the Lower Lake Rancheria of California, the Assistant Secretary found that the tribe had not been made subject to the Rancheria Act (Pub. L. 85-671, 72 Stat. 619, as amended by Pub. L. 88-419, 78 Stat. 390), by which Congress terminated the federal government's trust responsibility for dozens of California tribes during the 1950s, and that its tribal status has been continuously maintained by tribal members to the present day.

With the Assistant Secretary's action the number of federally recognized tribes now stands at 561, which also includes two tribes recognized under H.R. 5528, the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act (Pub. L. 106-568, 114 Stat. 2868) signed by President Clinton on December 28, 2000. The Loyal Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, which since 1869 has been a culturally and linguistically separate entity within the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, was accorded federal recognition as an independent tribe. The Graton Rancheria of California, which had been terminated by the Rancheria Act, was restored to federal recognition status.

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