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## OFFICE OF FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Regarding petitioner number 406
Salinan Tribe of California Application

I would like to encourage the recognition of the Salinan tribe.

Although I am not yet a recognized member of the tribe, I can trace my genealogy directly to the Salinan tribe, documented with California and federal records, as well as Spanish and Mexican Catholic church records.

I have attended some tribe functions, I am impressed with their dedication and organization.

My grandmother often spoke proudly of her Mexican and Native American heritage. It would make her very happy to know her ancestors are being given the recognition they deserve.

