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Department of the Interior
Office of Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Subject: Support for the Salinan Tribe's Federal Recognition Petition

Dear Office of Federal Acknowledgment,

We strongly support the Salinan Community's petition for federal recognition. Our network in Central California is committed to the Salinan people and all Indigenous nations whose ancestors were the original stewards of this land. Recognition will restore their right to stewardship, affirm their cultural integrity, and acknowledge their resilience through centuries of enslavement, genocide, and attempted erasure. Their voice remains a vital presence in our region and state.

We urge you to uphold the tribal rights of the Salinan and all unrecognized tribes seeking restoration of their treaty conditions with the U.S. government. Federal recognition is essential to ensuring sovereignty, cultural preservation, education, and economic sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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