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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Rudy Ortega, Jr. 1019 Second Street, #1 San Fernando, California 91340

Dear Mr. Ortega:

By letter dated June 3, 2021, the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTB) petitioner requested a 90-day extension to the comment period of the Phase I Negative Proposed Finding. The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs (AS-IA) received your request on June 3, 2021.

Although the comment period of the Phase I Negative Proposed Finding is to close on June 11, 2021, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (PDAS-IA), exercising the delegated authority of the AS-IA, is extending the comment period for 90 days. Pursuant to § 83.8(a), the PDAS-IA, exercising the delegated authority of the AS-IA, found good cause to extend the comment period to Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Under § 83.8(c), this letter notifies the FTB petitioner and those parties listed in § 83.22(d) of this extension. Any individual or entity submitting comments and evidence to OFA must deliver copies of their submission to the petitioner, as stated in § 83.35.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Parties under § 83 .22(d)