## RESOLUTION #20/22-27 NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, as a Country, America has a tragic and dark history of treatment towards Black and African American citizens and despite the treatment, Black and African American citizens have profoundly contributed to American culture and we therefore celebrate and recognize these contributions; and

WHEREAS, prominent African Americans such as historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland instituted Negro History Week in 1926 which evolved into Black History Month thanks to the increasing attention the Civil Rights movement garnered in the 1950s and 60s; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme for National Black History Month, as recognized by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. The theme acknowledges the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine and initiatives that Black communities have taken to be well; and

WHEREAS, to foster good health and wellness and decrease disparities, African Americans have embarked on self-determination, mutual aid, and social support initiatives which have led to several impactful outcomes including, more diverse practitioners and representation in all segments of medical and health programs, the building of medical facilities, schools, and clinics, and focus on physical, emotional, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Conejo Valley Unified School District observes and honors National Black History Month and encourages educators, students, and families to celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to America's history and to support the wellness and equality of African Americans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes February 2022 as National Black History Month.

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Rocky Capobianco, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent and Secretary to the Board