RESOLUTION #22/23-18 IN SUPPORT OF Lunar New Year 2023

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is celebrated worldwide by millions of Asians and Pacific Islanders (API) of Chinese, Korean, Singaporean, and Vietnamese descent as a time of joy and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon following the winter solstice, or the first day of the new year according to the lunisolar calendar, and extends until the full moon 15 days later; and

WHEREAS, January 22, 2023, marks the first day of the Lunar New Year for the calendar year 2023, the year of the Rabbit; and

WHEREAS, the 15th day of the new year, according to the lunisolar calendar, is called the Lantern Festival. It marks the first full moon of the new lunar year and the end of the traditional Chinese New Year (Spring Festival) period; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year began in China more than 4,000 years ago and is widely celebrated with community activities and cultural performances; and

WHEREAS, the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year and encourages staff, students, and community members to learn about the history of Lunar New Year and celebrate with purposeful activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes January 22, 2023, as the first day of Lunar New Year 2023 and expresses its most profound respect for the Asian and Pacific Islander communities and all individuals throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion.

Clerk, Board of Education

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