## **RESOLUTION 23/24-03**

## IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, National Bullying Prevention Month was founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center to raise awareness about bullying; and

**WHEREAS,** bullying is an aggressive use of power, targeting another person or group of people with repeated, unwanted words or actions, hurting them emotionally or physically, often leaving devastating long-term effects like loss of self-esteem, increased anxiety, depression, lower academic achievement, dropping out of school, or suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, bias-based and multiple bias-based bullying (bullying because of social identity, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, or sexual orientation) does more harm to students than generalized bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes that no one deserves to be bullied and all students deserve to be safe in school, online, and in the community and that bullying is not acceptable; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Conejo Valley Unified School District does hereby support National Bullying Prevention Month and the proclamation of October 2023 as National Bullying Prevention Month in the District, and encourages students, staff, and parents to "Take the Pledge" against bullying by supporting others who have been hurt or harmed, treating others with kindness, being more accepting of people's differences, and helping to include those who are left out.

Lisa Evans Powell, DSW, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent

and Secretary to the Board