CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL RESOLUTION #24/25-29

IN SUPPORT OF ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Arab American ancestry and cultural heritage educates our fellow Americans and counters misconceptions, harmful stereotyping, and shared misconceptions by other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation; and

WHEREAS, in the month of April, the Conejo Valley Unified School District encourages staff, students, and community members to celebrate this year's Arab American Heritage Month theme, "Arab American Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," which reflects on the community's legacy while recognizing the next generation of leaders making strides in business, government, education, science, and the arts.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District proclaims April 2025, as Arab American Heritage Month.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Annual Resolution duly passed and adopted by the said Board of Education at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting held on March 19, 2025.

Bill Gorback, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent and

Secretary to the Board of Education