

**RESOLUTION #22/23-06**  
**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 2023 theme for National Black History Month, recognized by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, focuses on the importance of Black Resistance. By resisting, Black people have achieved triumphs, successes, and progress, including, but not limited to, the end of chattel slavery, the dismantling of segregation in the South and educational institutions, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and increased political representation at all levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis, Civil Rights Leader, advised, “Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year; it is the struggle of a lifetime”; 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 respect and support the equality of African Americans; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes February 2023 as National Black History Month.

  
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Lauren Gill, President, Board of Education

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