RESOLUTION #23/24-28

IN SUPPORT OF

ASIAN AMERICAN and PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a bill passed by Congress to extend the week-long celebration to a month-long one. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was signed into law; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the significance of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, annually in May, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is celebrated in America to honor the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and their contributions to the Federal Government, United States Armed Forces, American history, culture, education, medicine, and society; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 district ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders provides an opportunity for the people of our community to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, Conejo Valley Unified School District reaffirms our commitment to combating the racism and discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our schools, our community, and our Nation; and encourages educators, students, and families to honor and respect Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and learn about their heritage and achievements through appropriate programs and activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Bill Gorback, Clerk, Board of Education

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