

RESOLUTION #20/21-17
NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the origin of Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, and grew out of "Negro History Week," the creation of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

WHEREAS, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, National Black History Month or National African American History Month evolved into an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for National Black History Month, The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity, explores the diversity of black family life and the black community's unwavering understanding of the value of family as an incomparable source of comfort, strength, and even survival; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our Nation as artists, scientists, astronauts, educators, business people, medical professionals, military and political leaders, mathematicians, athletes, and President of the United States, reflects the impact African Americans have made on American history; and

WHEREAS, remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for freedom and equality for African Americans, the Conejo Valley Unified School District observes and honors National Black History Month and encourages educators, students, and families to learn about the heritage and achievements of African- Americans through appropriate programs and activities that reflect the theme for 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes February as National Black History Month now and in the future.



Karen Sylvester, Clerk, Board of Education



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