

CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #23/24-18 IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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, Black History Month allows us to reflect on the impact pioneers and leaders of the Black community have had on our nation and celebrate the legacy these leaders have left for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme for National Black History Month, recognized by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, focuses on the importance of African Americans and the Arts. African American art is steeped with experiences lived by African, Caribbean, and Black Americans and expressed through many mediums such as visual and performing arts, literature, music, theater, and other forms of expression; and

WHEREAS, American history is full of the contributions of people of African descent, including but not limited to the enslaved Africans' centuries-old tradition of making sweetgrass baskets, the birth of spiritual music like Blues, gospel, and soul, the rise of the Black Arts in the 1920s and 1930s, hip-hop music in the 1970s, and Black writers' contributions to literature throughout the decades, a list of names too numerous to include; and

WHEREAS, the Conejo Valley Unified School District observes National Black History Month and encourages educators, students, and families to honor the numerous contributions African Americans and Black Americans have made and continue to make in shaping America; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes February 2024 as National Black History Month.


Clerk, Board of Education


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