## CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #24/25-01

## IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, from September 15 to October 15 each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, histories, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic/Latino/Latinx Americans whose heritage is rooted in 20 Latin American countries and territories: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic; and

**WHEREAS,** September 15 was chosen as the starting date for this important celebration because it is the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries: El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx Americans have been integral to the prosperity, power, and progress of the United States, with their significant contributions to the economic, political, and social growth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education encourages educators, students, and families to celebrate this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month's theme, "Latinos Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America," by educating students on the culture (literature, art, music, dance), languages, traditions, cuisine, and positive contributions Hispanic, Latino and Latinx Americans have made in our country, district, and community; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education recognizes September 15, 2024 – October 15, 2024, as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Bill Gorback, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent

and Secretary to the Board