## RESOLUTION #23/24-08 IN SUPPORT OF LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ history and the history of gay rights and related civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ History Month was founded in 1994 by a Missouri high school history teacher, Rodney Wilson, who believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history; and

WHEREAS, October was selected because it coincides with National Coming Out Day on October 11, and it is also the month of the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ History Month provides role models, builds community, and represents a civil rights statement about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, Annually, each day in October, LGBTQ+ Icons' achievements, bios, and bibliographies are celebrated and featured on the <u>LGBT History Month</u> website; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that all students should be able to embrace who they are and attend school in a safe and inclusive environment, free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Conejo Valley Unified School District Board of Education affirms its commitment to support LGBTQ+ youth and encourages educators, students, and families to learn about LGBTQ+ History Month and celebrate through appropriate programs and activities; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District recognizes and supports October 2023 as LGBTQ+ History Month.

Lisa Evans Powell, DSW, Clerk, Board of Education

Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent

and Secretary to the Board