

**RESOLUTION #19/20-20  
IN SUPPORT OF  
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

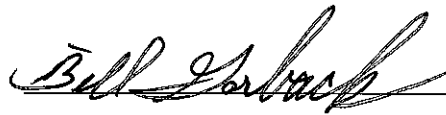
**WHEREAS**, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, National Black History Month or National African American History Month evolved into an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S.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

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 theme for National Black History Month, African Americans and the Vote, recognizes the struggle for voting rights among both black men and women throughout American history; and

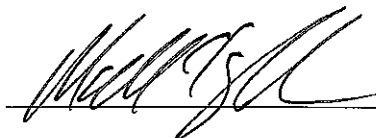
**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our Nation as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflects the greatness of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all 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 2020:

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



Bill Gorback, Clerk, Board of Education



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