

**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL RESOLUTION #25/26-39  
IN SUPPORT OF  
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to recognize the profound achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history; and

**WHEREAS**, President Jimmy Carter first proclaimed Jewish American Heritage Week in 1980, followed by President George W. Bush designating May as Jewish American Heritage Month in April 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have contributed to society and culture through groundbreaking contributions in science, technology, medicine, sports, entertainment, business, civil rights, government, military service, and philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, this resilience inspired many Jewish Americans to champion the Civil Rights Movement and advocate tirelessly for liberty, human dignity, and equality-fighting discrimination in voting, employment, and public accommodations while advancing equity for women, farmworkers, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, for millennia, Jewish communities have preserved vibrant cultural identities and traditions despite enduring persecution, enslavement, segregation, and the atrocities of the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS**, antisemitism remains a persistent challenge in the United States and worldwide, underscoring the urgent need for understanding, empathy, and action; and

**WHEREAS**, education and awareness, paired with recognition of Jewish American contributions, are the most powerful tools to combat antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conejo Valley Unified School District stands resolute in its commitment to opposing all forms of discrimination, including antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, during May, the Conejo Valley Unified School District calls on staff, students, and community members to honor, celebrate, and learn about the vital role Jewish Americans have played in shaping our nation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Conejo Valley Unified School District proudly recognizes May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

  
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Bill Gorbach, Clerk, Board of Education

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