

**New Haven Unified School District
Board of Education
Resolution No. 027-2526**

Celebrations of Light

December 2025

WHEREAS, the New Haven Unified School District reflects an increasingly diverse society with many religious, ethnic, and cultural traditions and beliefs that are meaningful to the students and adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, holidays and traditions provide individuals and families with affirmation, hope, and rich opportunities for learning; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of schools to create awareness of and increase sensitivity to our diverse society, thereby establishing and maintaining a welcoming and respectful climate for learning throughout the school year for all students and adults; and

WHEREAS, light is a fundamental force of nature that illuminates our world, sustains life, and inspires creativity; and

WHEREAS, celebrations of light—such as Diwali, Lunar New Year, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Christmas, Simbang Gabi, and the Thai Lantern Festival—have been a part of human culture for millennia, symbolizing hope, renewal, and the triumph of good over evil; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations bring communities together, foster understanding, and promote peace; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the preservation and promotion of these traditions, ensuring that future generations can experience their beauty and significance; and

WHEREAS, we support initiatives that promote understanding and respect among people of different faiths and cultures, recognizing the common threads that unite us; and

WHEREAS, we commit to using light as a symbol of hope and inspiration in our own lives and communities, striving to create a brighter future for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Unified School District Board of Education hereby proclaims the month of December 2025 as Celebrations of Light Month, in recognition of the diverse cultural and religious traditions that enrich our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dr. John Thompson, Superintendent
New Haven Unified School District,
County of Alameda, State of California