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P R O C L A M A T I O N

In 1964, Californians have turned with the world to honor the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare, who wove endless richness and beauty from the English language.

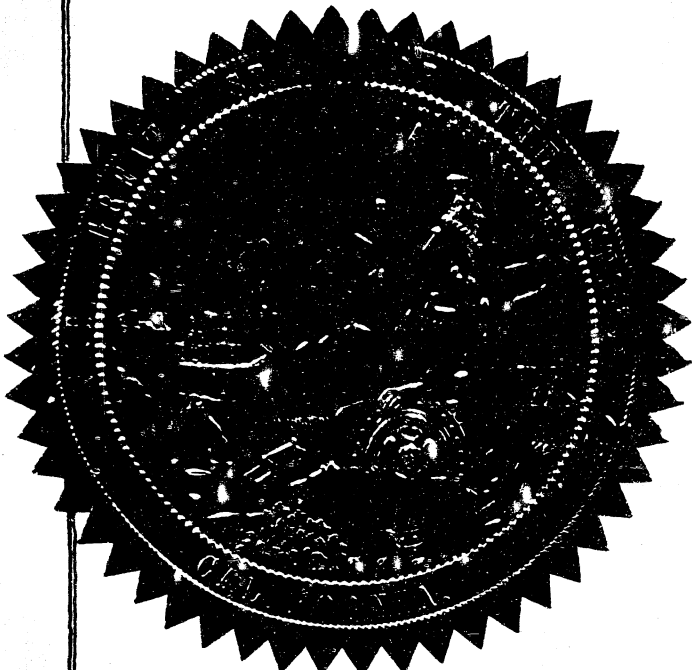
In tribute to the world's premier poet, let us turn to "Midsummer Night's Dream" for his own words of how poets work:

"The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
Turns them to shapes and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation and a name."

Before Shakespeare, from time's beginning, man has turned to poetry to extend the expression of his feelings beyond the limits of prose. Poets will ever "glance from heaven to earth" for the enrichment of man's culture.

Now, therefore, I proclaim October 15 as Poetry Day, as provided by a resolution adopted by the Legislature, of the State of California, and urge commemoration of this day 400 years after William Shakespeare.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my
hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State
of California to be
affixed this first day
of October, One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Sixty
Four.



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