

**Executive Department**

State of California

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

Once again, we observe a solemn moment of history, a bitter day of defeat for Americans and Filipinos, but a day which will be remembered as an epic of courage and the beginning of a long, new struggle for freedom.

For the soldiers who surrendered at Bataan on April 9, 1944, there began a horror of cruelty and death--the infamous Death March. For America and the Free World, it was a moment of realization that the struggle for freedom and democracy was hardly begun and would be a long, costly fight against heavy odds.

Today we can look back on Bataan Day as a lesson for the future, a lesson in the need to keep our nation and the free nations of the world strong and independent. Let us hold up to our children and nation the magnificent struggle of Americans and Filipinos side by side at Bataan 22 years ago as a symbol of man's courage and desire to keep free.

THEREFORE, in memory of the Filipinos and Americans who fell at Bataan and in a spirit of rededication to their example of courage and commitment, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim that April 9, 1964, be observed as Bataan Day in California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this Second Day of March, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four.

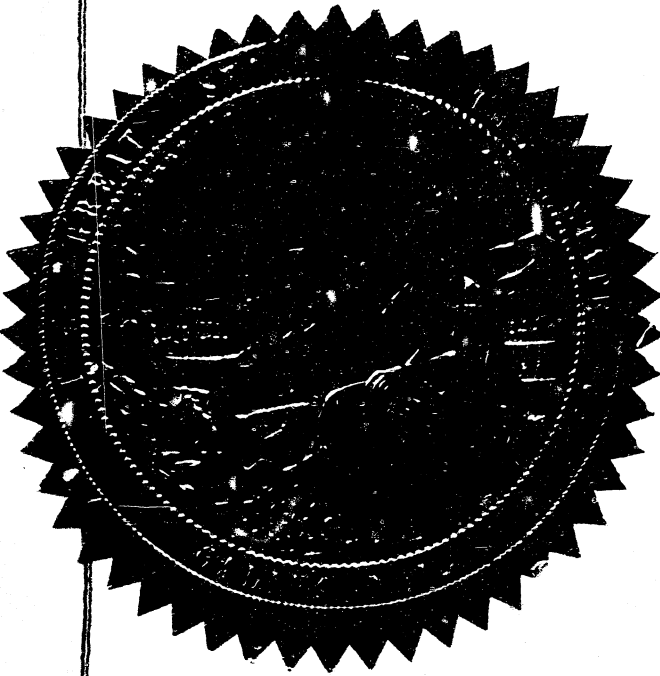
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