

**Executive Department**

**State of California**

**PROCLAMATION**

Almost since man first fashioned words to communicate, he has expressed himself in poetry.

If man has used prose more than poetry through the centuries, it is probably because prose is more the language man uses to express himself in his daily affairs. For poetry, man must choose and fit his words into a form which calls for the greatest artistry, and this requires much contemplation.

To emphasize the place of poetry among our arts, and to encourage the people of California to recognize it, I proclaim October 15 as Poetry Day, as provided by a resolution enacted by the State Legislature.

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



*Richard S. Brown*  
Governor

*Frank M. Jordan*  
Secretary of State

By *Walter C. Stutler*  
Assistant Secretary of State

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

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