

Executive Department
State of California

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

WHEREAS Poetry is a vital part of life, and through its many forms has a single hallmark--the power to impress upon man a keen awareness of himself, his world and his society; and

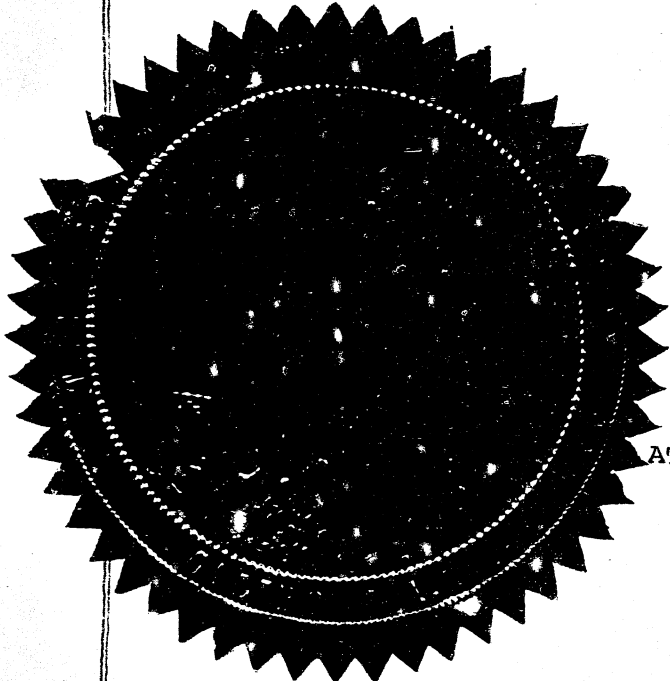
WHEREAS It is fitting and proper that we set aside a special day to honor our poets and their work. Throughout man's culture, the poet has set the music of the mind to lift the hearts of the sad, to stir romance, to record man's progress and failure in the epic pages of history; and

WHEREAS The poet, by pressing on us the immediate concerns of ourselves and our society, has often been an impetus for change and improvement in our world; and

WHEREAS Poetry is an essential ingredient of the life of a civilized man and a civilized society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, proclaim October 15, 1966, as POETRY DAY in California, 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 fourth day of October, One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six.



Edmund G. Brown
Governor

ATTEST: *Frank M. Jordan*
Secretary of State

by *Beat Clinton*
Deputy Secretary of State

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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

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