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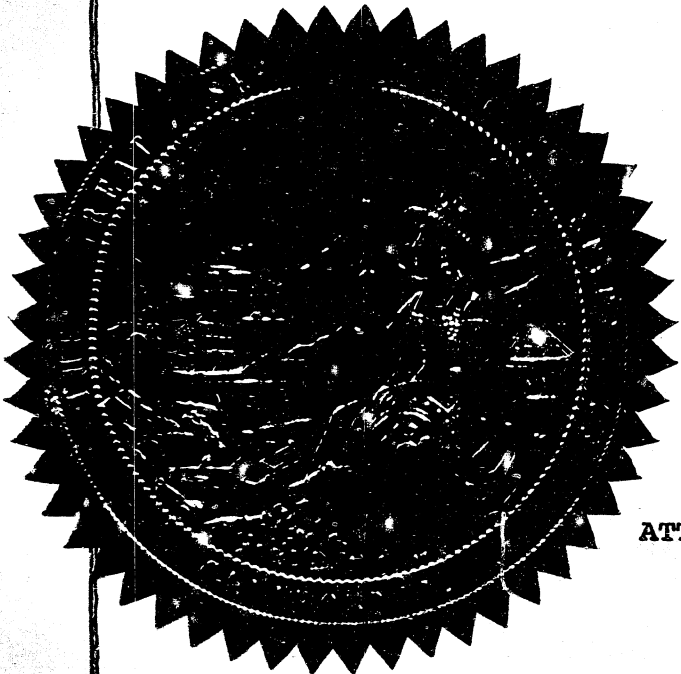
Poetry is not an ornamentation on life. It is a vital part of it. All honest poetry, though it has myriad forms, has a single hallmark: the power to impress upon man a keen awareness of the reality of himself, his world and his society.

Where self, world and society are strong or beautiful, the poet calls this to attention. Where they are weak or ugly, he frees us from often self-imposed blinders and forces us to look at our responsibility to strengthen and beautify.

Because poetry awakens man to the reality of life and makes him see it whole, it is a support and a spur to man and civilization. And for these reasons, it is an essential ingredient of the life of a civilized man and a civilized society.

Now therefore, 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 first day of October,
A.D., One Thousand Nine
Hundred and Sixty Three.



Richard S. Borah
Governor

ATTEST:

Frank M. Jordan
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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