



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: PEOPLE OF ALL AGES HAVE UNIVERSALLY TURNED TO POETIC EXPRESSION AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING THE THOUGHTS AND HOPES OF THEIR SOCIETY, CULTURE AND GENERATION; AND

WHEREAS: MUCH OF THIS POETRY HAS COME TO US IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AS A CULTURAL TREASURE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE, PASSED DOWN FROM THE FOLKLORE, PATRIOTISM AND RELIGION OF THE PAST, GIVING TONE AND CHARACTER TO OUR LIVES TODAY; AND

WHEREAS: THE POETRY OF THIS GENERATION WILL GIVE SIMILAR IMPETUS AND STRENGTH TO THE LIVES OF COMING GENERATIONS; AND

WHEREAS: IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLACE POETRY HOLDS IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THIS STATE AND NATION, IT IS FITTING THAT WE SET APART A DAY TO HONOR POETS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT WHO SO GREATLY ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL PERSONS; AND

WHEREAS: THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SELECTED TO HOST THE 5TH WORLD CONGRESS OF POETS IN 1981, AND MANY MINNESOTANS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 15, 1980 TO BE

### P O E T R Y   D A Y

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF JULY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND.

*Albert H. Quie*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Green*      *Lou Wangberg*