

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 15 has been set aside as the anniversary date of National Poetry Day; and

WHEREAS, this date has been Poetry Day since 1508 and the purpose being to stimulate interest in good poetry through the schools, clubs and civic organizations and to enlarge the talents and encourage the Citizens of our Community and our State; and

WHEREAS, Poetry is an Art and one of the first performing arts for troubadours and town criers sang the news or spoke the news in rhyme. The court jesters rhymed their remarks for the Royal Pleasure, and the first performances on any state were done in rhyme; and

WHEREAS, the poets of the City of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada have made lasting contributions to the annual observance, and the history therefore with their work preserved through the medium of poetry,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ORAN K. GRAGSON, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, do hereby declare October 15, 1967 as

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

and trust that the observance of this day may properly further the interest of our schools and our citizens in the cultural and inspirational value of poetry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Las Vegas to be affixed this Eleventh Day of October, 1967.

ORAN K. GRAGSON,
Mayor



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