

Executive Department

State of California

PROCLAMATION

The cultural and economic traditions of our State are closely interwoven with the 21 early Catholic Missions of California, founded between 1769 and 1823 by missionaries of the Order of Saint Francis under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra. The spiritual determination and outstanding ability of this dedicated group laid the foundations for many of our State's outstanding cities.

This year we in California are honored to have these historic landmarks as the reverent objectives of a special pilgrimage for the Franciscan National Marian Congress. We take pride in the heritage which brought about this national recognition.

The California Mission Trails Association has done much to perpetuate the fame of these unique monuments to man's faith in God and the future, and of the many fine communities which have risen near them.

Since the Marian Congress tour of the Missions will be held during that period, I, Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California, hereby proclaim the period of May 2-9, 1954, as MISSION TRAILS WEEK in California. I urge that all Californians familiarize themselves with the importance of the fine work done at our 21 Missions in bringing religion, industry and culture to our State, and extend recognition to their fellow citizens who today live and work in the areas where the early Padres first brought civilization to our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 23d day of April, A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

*Goodwin J. Knight*

Governor of California

ATTEST: *James H. Jordan*

Secretary of State



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