



# PORT OF KENNEWICK

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## April 11, 2015 -- MEDIA ADVISORY

### Agencies to Celebrate 100 Years of Economic Development

*Kennewick, Wash.* — On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC), Visit Tri-Cities, and the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a centennial celebration honoring the **Port of Kennewick** for 100 years of economic and community development projects. RSVPs for the event, *which are now closed*, indicate that nearly 200 people plan to attend. The program includes remarks by local elected officials, **Gary Burke**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and Washington State **Governor Jay Inslee**. RSVPs include former commissioner George Jones (1986-1997), former port manager, “Hank” Thietje (1974-1976); daughter of former Commissioner Dave Dickerson (1977-1991); and current or previous commissioners and staff. The Port of Kennewick was established by public vote on March 6, 1915, and the port’s first commission meeting was held April 12, 1915.

When: **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

What: ***Remarks by Governor Inslee, CTUIR, and local mayors; Port history storyboards; History Highlights videos; interviews.***

Where: Tri-Cities Business & Visitor Center, Bechtel Board Room  
7130 W. Grandridge Boulevard, Kennewick, WA

Why: **Port of Kennewick’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition event**

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*The Port of Kennewick is a municipal corporation serving taxpayers in Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, Benton City, and portions of unincorporated Benton County. The Port of Kennewick develops and manages assets which foster jobs, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for visitors and residents of the port district.*