TO: City Council
FROM: Bill Simpson, Mayor
DATE: April 27, 2015
RE: NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 4, 2015, FOLLOWING 6:30 PM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP
AGENDA ITEM: QUASQUICENTENNIAL RESOLUTION
CC: Local newspaper and radio

Pursuant to Section 13 of the City Charter, and RCW 42.30.080, I am calling a special meeting of the Aberdeen City Council for **Monday, May 4, 2015**, immediately following the 6:30 PM city council workshop in the City Hall Third Floor Committee Room, for action on the attached Quasquicentennial Resolution.

Our city’s 125th anniversary is May 12, 2015, the day before our next regular Wednesday night meeting. Next Monday’s city council workshop will be a convenient time to hold a special meeting to pass a special resolution.

My thanks to Brian Little, well-known local historian and civic leader, for taking time from his busy schedule to draft a resolution recognizing our Quasquicentennial – and for knowing both what and when it is.
RESOLUTION No. 2015 - ______


WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 20, 1888, the pioneer settlement located at the confluence of the Wishkah and Chehalis Rivers in the Territory of Washington, County of Chehalis (Grays Harbor), voted to incorporate and seek recognition as the city of Aberdeen, only to have formal recognition of their city delayed by passage of the Enabling Act admitting Washington Territory as the 42nd state on November 11, 1889;

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 12, 1890, pursuant to newly enacted state law, the Chehalis County Board of Commissioners passed an order declaring the incorporation of Aberdeen as a city of the third class with a population of 1,400;

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, August 15, 1906, just three years after the Great Fire of 1903 that destroyed over 14 square blocks of its commercial center, the City of Aberdeen became a city of the second class, recognized as the commercial center of Southwest Washington, with a population in excess of 10,000 citizens;

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 7, 1929, the City of Aberdeen adopted a Charter and became a city of the first class with a population in excess of 20,000 citizens;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the City of Aberdeen will mark its 125th year as the commercial center of Grays Harbor County, undaunted, its pioneers' dream of becoming a Great City still alive; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN: that all residents of Aberdeen are called upon to rediscover their PIONEER SPIRIT and, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, join together in the 125th birthday celebration of their city.

PASSED and APPROVED on April 29, 2015.

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Bill Simpson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Kathryn Skolrood, Finance Director