

Signage would recognize Hiawatha native

**(KNZA)--The Brown County Historial Society is seeking the installation of signs designating Hiawatha as the hometown Edmund Morrill, who served as the 13th governor of Kansas.**

**At the request of Historical Society Director Lynn Allen, the Hiawatha City Commission Tuesday evening approved a resolution requesting the Kansas Department of Transportation install the signs as allowed by Governors of Kansas Hometown Heritage Act.**

**Lane said the Historical Society is collaborating with several organizations in the community to have the signs installed along U.S. 36 Highway.**

**Lane said they need to raise about \$3,000 to achieve the goal and pay KDOT to install the signs.**

**Morrill served as governor from 1895 to 1897. Prior to serving as governor, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives for four two-year terms.**

**Morrill, who died in March, 1909, is buried in Hiawatha's Mount Hope Cemetery.**

**In other business, the Commission approved a resolution of support for a federal legal holiday for Native American Indians.**

**Merle Whiteside, of Roseville, Illinois is spearheading a petition drive to get the U.S. Government to grant the legal holiday and requested the city's support.**