

## Hiawatha joins nationwide call for racial justice



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**(KNZA)--Hiawatha Thursday evening joined the nation in remembering George Floyd, who died during a Minnesota arrest, holding an event called “Hiawatha Believes Black Lives Matter.”**

**More than 100 people attended the prayer vigil and peaceful protest, held around the fountain adjacent to the Hiawatha Police Department.**

**The event was organized by Shayna Leahy, of Hiawatha.**

**The event included comments from Brooke Grier of Hiawatha and Jason Thomas of the Kickapoo Tribe.**

**Offering prayers were Pastor Andrew Finch of Hiawatha's First United Methodist Church, Shug Thomas of the Kickapoo Tribe and Pastor Jim Ferris of Hiawatha's Calvary Assembly of God Church.**

**Among those in attendance, but who did not speak, were Hiawatha Police Chief John Defore and Brown County Sheriff John Merchant.**

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