

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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