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Girl Scouts in Middle Tennessee Come Together for Moment of Solidarity Against Racism

NASHVILLE, TENN. – June 8, 2020 – The Girl Scout Law states girls will “make the world a better place and be a sister to every Girl Scout.” Amidst a time of crisis in our country, Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (GSMIDTN) hosted an event on the two-week anniversary of George Floyd’s death to drive home this promise and take a stand against racism and hate.

Earlier today, more than 150 Girl Scouts, from 5-year-old Daisies to graduating seniors, and their families gathered on the front lawn of the Girl Scout Center and observed 8 minutes and 46 seconds of solidarity against racism and injustice. GSMIDTN streamed the event on Facebook and Instagram Live for any supporters unable to join in person.

At the top of each minute, a Girl Scout, board member, or community leader addressed the crowd with a brief statement of support. Speakers included GSMIDTN Board Chair Celeste Patterson, GSMIDTN Board Member Alfred Dowell, GSMIDTN Troop Leader Tracy Rokas, Commander Kay Lokey from the Midtown Hills Police Precinct, and Girl Scouts Alexis, Gabrielle, Helina, and Sophia.

“Today’s event made me think about how Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee lets me use my voice in a way it will be heard,” shared Kari Belle King, Girl Scout Senior. “I am so thankful for the opportunities they give me.”

GSMIDTN commits to working with members and community leaders to build an anti-racist society today and every day. We hope all of Middle Tennessee will join us.

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Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee (GSMIDTN) serves more than 14,000 girls in 39 counties across Middle Tennessee. For more information on how you can be involved in Girl Scouts, visit www.gsmidtn.org.