

REAFFIRMATION OF BREAST CANCER POLICY STATEMENT

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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is alarmed by the breast cancer epidemic in this country. An estimated one in nine women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. This year alone, 183,000 women will be diagnosed with and 46,000 women will die of breast cancer.

Since early detection is the key to survival, National Hadassah has launched a national breast cancer education campaign entitled "Hadassah Cares." Hadassah urges region, chapters and groups throughout the country to educate their respective communities and elected officials on this critical health issue and engage in coalition building with other advocacy groups concerned with this matter.

We call upon Federal and state officials as well as the health care establishment to direct the necessary increased funding to promote into the cause of, optimal treatments, and cure for breast cancer.