

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

1 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has a longstanding tradition of  
2 recognizing and celebrating the invaluable achievements of women throughout history. As the  
3 largest women's membership organization in the United States, Hadassah enthusiastically  
4 supports plans for the establishment of a National Museum of Women's History in Washington,  
5 DC. This museum, a non-partisan, non-profit educational institution, will help preserve and  
6 celebrate the historic contributions and rich, diverse heritage of women, as well as work to  
7 restore this important heritage to mainstream culture.

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9 Although women constitute 52 percent of the United States' population, women are sadly  
10 missing from the visible record of the historical past as it is celebrated in our national public  
11 spaces and teachings. In fact, less than 2 percent of contemporary history books are dedicated to  
12 women's achievements. This startling statistic illustrates the fact that women have been  
13 essentially left out of mainstream history.

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15 Hadassah calls upon Congress to pass legislation for the museum's creation.