

PROCLAMATION

Village of Wheeling

HADASSAH
~ ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY ~

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1912, Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah, a volunteer women's organization with the biblical mission of *Aruhat Bat Ami: the Healing of the Daughter of My People*; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah's early mission was to bring American-style medical care to serve the people of Palestine, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1930s, Henrietta Szold joined with a German colleague to organize the rescue of thousands of Jewish children from Nazi Europe and bring them to safety in Palestine, where they would later become one of the foundations of the modern state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the U.S. State Department named Hadassah as one of the five largest contributors to overseas relief, selling \$200 million in war bonds, an effort commemorated with 100 U.S. Air Force bombers, each bearing the name of a Hadassah chapter; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah founded, owns, and supports two world-class medical centers in greater Jerusalem, one of Israel's top-ranked smaller colleges, and Israel's largest touring and residency program for American Jewish youth, and is rapidly expanding their campuses and facilities while also supporting major reforestation and water conservation programs to protect precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah also supports Youth Aliyah day centers and youth villages that house, feed, educate, and nurture young immigrants and Israel's underprivileged youth, as well as the Hadassah Medical Organization, one of the world's leading institutions in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah is the largest Jewish volunteer organization in America and one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world, and its 300,000 members, serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim congratulations to the members of Hadassah on the occasion of their organization's 100th anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in the future.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 21st day of February, 2012.

Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk