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Women in Action - Steps of Hope 2015 Walk for Cancer

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 12, 2014) – On May 1, 2015, Commissioner Edna Elias will be joined by nine women for the third Women in Action, Steps of Hope walk for breast cancer research. The walk in 2015 is from Hall Beach to Igloolik, which is approximately 71 km.

Women in Action, Steps for Hope donates all proceeds to the Alberta Cancer Foundation in support of breast cancer research at the Cross Cancer Institute.

"Women of Iqaluit have asked that a walk be organized in the Qikiqtani region while I am Commissioner," said Commissioner Edna Elias. "I am more than happy to lead in organizing, planning and taking the Steps of Hope during this last year of my term."

Participants in the 2015 walk will include youth Candace Sudlovenik, former Commissioner Ann Hanson, CBC reporter Joanna Awa, Iqaluit Deputy Mayor Mary Wilman, Bernadette Dean, and Commissioner Elias. Elias hopes to find a breast cancer survivor who may want to join the walk. A name will also be drawn from donors who contributed \$100 or more to the cause in 2014. A spot is also reserved for either a member of the Alberta breast cancer research team, or an elder from the Hall Beach/Igloolik area.

The 2012 Steps of Hope walk from Umingmaktok to Cambridge Bay raised \$92,000. The 2014 walk from Whale Cove to Rankin Inlet raised close to \$90,000. All proceeds have gone to the Alberta Cancer Foundation in support of breast cancer research at the Cross Cancer Institute. The goal for 2015 is \$100,000.

For more information about the Alberta Cancer Foundation, or to make online donations for the Women in Action, Steps of Hope 2015 walk, please visit www.albertacancer.ca/womeninaction2015.

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