

RESOLUTION

100th Anniversary of the Formation of the Pan American Health Organisation Presented by Hon. Dr. Leslie Ramsammy, M.P., Minister of Health

Pan American Health Organisation is celebrating its 100th Anniversary December 2nd, 2002. The Minister of Health is requesting the National Assembly to approve the following as part of Guyana's acknowledgement of the role of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) in Public Health in the Americas and in Guyana.

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Recognizing that the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) is the oldest international health organisation in the world, serving the interests and needs of the people of the Americas and that it has served as a precursor to the formation of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1949 and serve as its Americas Bureau.

Acknowledging the leadership that the Pan American Health Organisation has demonstrated throughout the region of the Americas and in general to the world, and in particular, in Guyana, its role in reducing the transmission of vector borne illnesses in the nineteen fifties and sixties, eradication of small pox, wild polio virus transmission and the practical elimination of measles from Guyana and the English - speaking Caribbean and its assistance in controlling rubella in Guyana.

Acknowledging further role of Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) in promoting a successful immunization and vaccination program, leading to elimination and control of several infectious diseases.

Bearing in mind the significant role the Pan American Health Organisation has played in promoting south - south technical cooperation in health through such modalities as the Caribbean Cooperation in Health Initiative of which Guyana has been a significant beneficiary and its important role in the elimination of filariasis by 2010 in Guyana.

Considering that its specialized technical centers have built regional capacities and supported the governments' and people desire to achieve better health and recognizing especially the role of CAREC in elevating the status of regional disease surveillance efforts, especially in the HIV/ AIDS, and laboratory strengthening, particularly in the area of blood banking, CFNI through their

strategies in reducing the incidence of nutritional disorder and promoting healthy lifestyles and more recently the role of Panaftoza in supporting Guyana's successful efforts in attaining foot and mouth free status;

In the light of health sector reform being a formidable role - played by PAHO in advocating for and elevating the status of essential public health functions and promoting cross - sectoral collaboration for a Shared Agenda for Health in the Americas.

And in tribute to the committed and high quality work and leadership of Sir George Alleyen, Director of Pan American Health Organisation and Dr. Ciro de Quadros of the Immunization Program, both of them retired this year.

Resolves to:

1. Congratulate the secretariat on the attainment of the centenary of the formation the Sanitary Bureau;
2. Congratulate the bureau on the achievements which it along with the countries have achieved in the past one hundred years and the leadership in sanitary affairs demonstrated to the rest of the world;
3. Encourage the further strengthening of the key principles of the Organisation of equity and Pan Americanism;
4. Support the aims and aspirations of the smaller states of the Caribbean including Guyana in health matters, through enhanced technical cooperation and the strengthening of the regional centers CAREC and CFNI.
5. Congratulate and extend best wishes to Sir George Alleyen and Dr. Ciro de Quadros for their outstanding records in public health in the Americas.



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