

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA

FIRST SESSION

1969

RESOLUTION NO. XXVI

WHEREAS the Constitution of Guyana makes provision in paragraph (5) of article 73 thereof whereby Guyana may become a Republic and accordingly cease to be part of Her Majesty's dominions pursuant to alterations to the Constitution set out in the Second Schedule thereto:

AND WHEREAS such provision requires a resolution of the National Assembly, upon a motion introduced by the Prime Minister, that Guyana shall become a Republic and that the said alterations to the Constitution shall have effect on such day after the passing of the resolution as may be specified therein;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of such provision notice of such a motion may be given on or after 1st January, 1969, but not less than three months before the National Assembly proceeds upon the motion;

AND WHEREAS in fulfilment of the processes of National Independence it is fitting that Guyana should become a Republic pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the twenty-third day of February in each year commemorates the revolt of enslaved peoples on that day in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three in the then Colony of Berbice - being the first significant blow

struck for freedom in the territory now comprised in the State of Guyana:

RESOLVED by this National Assembly in pursuance of paragraph (5) of article 73 of the Constitution of Guyana that on the twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy Guyana shall become a Republic and accordingly cease to be part of Her Majesty's dominions and that for that purpose the alterations to the Constitution of Guyana set out in the Second Schedule to the said Constitution shall have effect.

Passed by the National Assembly
this 29th day of August, 1969.

M. B. HENRY

Acting Clerk of the National
Assembly.