

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2009)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 101**

WHEREAS the Members of the Guyana Police Force are equipped with weapons such as firearms in the form of handguns, shotguns, rifles and machine guns as well as batons;

AND WHEREAS in the execution of their duties they may have to use force to protect themselves, prevent the commission of a crime or protect property;

AND WHEREAS these weapons, in particular firearms, without exception are designed to inflict severe injury to a person or persons;

AND WHEREAS these injuries may often result in the unwanted death of the targeted person or persons;

AND WHEREAS without the required training, capability, marksmanship and judgment of the user severe injury or death may be the result of such use;

AND WHEREAS the use of legitimate and appropriate force is the basis of all law enforcement agencies globally;

AND WHEREAS the Guyana Police Force in recent years have been challenged by heavily armed and equipped criminals using high powered rapid fire weapons such as AK47s, and hand grenades,

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## RESOLVED,

- (i) That this National Assembly recognizes the right of the Guyana Police Force to use legitimate force within which the use of non-lethal weapons is an integral component of the standard operational procedures and that in certain recent incidences the police have had little choice but to respond appropriately to protect their ranks and citizens;
- (ii) That hand to hand combat training be intensified and expanded within the Guyana Police Force;
- (iii) That the Guyana Police Force reviews its training programmes and assessments of ranks before issuing them with firearms taking into account the need for counseling and psychological programmes;
- (iv) That the Guyana Police Force intensifies its training programme in marksmanship for all ranks authorized to use firearms; and
- (v) That the use of non-lethal weapons such as tasers; pepper spray, water cannons, and non and less lethal ammunition, such as rubber projectiles, be extended and training intensified.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.*

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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